

4 Men Injured as Car Smashes Store Front

The front of a Spring City appliance show window last night was shattered by an automobile, and four men in the car were hurt.

For Paul L. Mowrey, owner of the Route 83 and Park road establishment, Christmas will mean a hard day's work, cleaning the shattered debris of his 3-month-old store front.

A 1952 hardtop convertible crashed in the all-glass front of the streamlined new store at 11:30 last night.

Mowrey was at work in the office, adjacent to the showroom, when the car occupied by four Phoenixville men caromed into the show room.

C. W. BAUMAN DIES IN HOSPITAL AFTER ILLNESS

Organized Spring City American Legion After War I

Charles W. Bauman, 61, of 1085 South street, organizer of the American Legion post in Spring City and a onetime candidate for Pottstown borough council, died yesterday morning at 4:30 o'clock in Memorial hospital.

He was admitted to the hospital the past Dec. 11.

Mr. Bauman, organized the Spring City post after his return there from France, where he had served nearly two years with a field artillery battalion in World War I. The Legion post was named in honor of Walter T. Caffrey, first Spring City youth killed in that war. Mr. Bauman was the post's first commander.

In 1939, he was Democratic candidate for council from the Sixth ward, which is traditionally Republican. He lost. In recent years he was a Democratic committeeman from the ward.

HUSBAND OF Rebecca (Gray) Bauman, who survives, he had come to Pottstown from Spring City 27 years ago.

For 20 years, he was an inspector for Spicer Manufacturing division. He then was a US Government inspector during World War II. For the past six years he had been steward for the Pottstown American Legion home.

Born in Spring City, son of the late Hiram and Alice (Boyer) Bauman. (Continued on Page Sixteen)



Charles W. Bauman (above), Pottstown Democrat and Legionnaire, died yesterday in Memorial hospital. He was 61. This photo was taken when he ran for borough council in 1939.

Santa May Come To Town in Sleigh

The weatherman is plotting with Santa Claus. He's made a half-hearted promise of snow Christmas night.

Borough small fry might be able to test out their new sleds if the promise for a white Christmas is fulfilled.

Today will be cloudy with a high of 40 to 46. Christmas will be cloudy and there will be snow or rain on Christmas night.

Yesterday a gray drizzle dampened streets early in the morning. By mid-morning pavements were dry, but the threat of rain hovered over the borough for the remainder of the day. Clouds predominated.

THE WEATHER

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Today, cloudy with a high of 40 to 46. Christmas day, cloudy, followed by rain or snow at night.

44 Mercury 36 High Antics Low

TEMPERATURE EXTREMES

Local temperatures yesterday and early this morning were:

4 a. m.	36	4 p. m.	43
5 a. m.	36	5 p. m.	43
6 a. m.	37	6 p. m.	43
7 a. m.	37	7 p. m.	43
8 a. m.	37	8 p. m.	43
9 a. m.	38	9 p. m.	43
10 a. m.	40	10 p. m.	42
11 a. m.	42	11 p. m.	42
12 m.	43	12 p. m.	42
1 p. m.	44	1 a. m.	42
2 p. m.	44	2 a. m.	41

HE ASSERTED, "I thought a bomb hit the place. It was a terrific crash."

The four Phoenixville men, Harry Challingsworth, driver of the blue, two-tone convertible; Dominic Matala, Peter Kacanda and his father, Antonion Kacanda, were rushed to Phoenixville hospital in the Roversford community ambulance of Friendship Fire company manned by Paul Isett.

The elder Kacanda was admitted with a possible fracture of the left ankle. His condition was reported "good" by a hospital spokesman early this morning.

The others were discharged after being treated for cuts, brush burns and bruises of the face and body.

The new convertible was demolished by the impact. It came to a halt wedged against a steel girder in front of the store.

Challingsworth was heading north on Route 83 when he failed to negotiate a curve, went off the road 50 yards from the new store, and skidded into Mowrey's 1951 sedan parked in front of the show window.

The driver of the twisted convertible told Trooper Charles E. Weber of Paoli State police he was blinded by the lights of an opposing motorist and lost sight of the road.

THE RIGHT front side and front of Mowrey's green sedan were damaged. Damage was estimated at \$700.

After striking the sedan, the convertible ploughed into two huge store windows and plate glass showered over the entire front of the show room.

A door in front of the show room was crushed, and the steel frame supporting the door was broken.

Mowrey estimated damage to the windows at \$1500. He said damage to windows, door and appliances might reach \$8000.

Among the broken merchandise scattered on the showroom floor were lamps, candlewick glassware, dishes, occasional

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Social Agencies Remember Local Needy With Gifts

Needy families in the Pottstown area will be remembered this Christmas.

Baskets of food, bundles of clothing and hundreds of toys are finding their way to homes of families who cannot afford to celebrate the holiday as they would like.

The Salvation Army has visited 56 families in the area and expects to call on at least 20 more today, bearing food, clothing and toys and ordering fuel.

A ton and a half of coal has been given to area families, 308 toys have been distributed and children have been given clothing by the "Army." Many of the toys were reconditioned by the Pottstown Junior Service league while others were new, purchased with funds collected by the Salvation Army for that specific purpose.

POTTSTOWN LODGE #14, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, has sent out more than 30 baskets of food to area residents. Chicken, vegetables and fruit were piled high in the baskets sent to the needy families.

Doehler Mutual Benefit association did not forget the Doehler-Jarvis corporation employees out of work because of illness. Two bushel baskets of canned goods,

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Firestone Entertains 2000 Children

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More than 2000 children of employees of the Firestone Tire and Rubber company were entertained in three shifts yesterday at the company's annual children's Christmas party in the Junior High school auditorium.

The Rev. Delaine E. Story, director of human relations for Firestone who was in charge of arrangements for the holiday affair, said the auditorium was filled to "near capacity" at the 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. parties and "people were standing" for the 7 p. m. party.

"Two-thirds of these were children," he said.

The three identical programs, each approximately one and one-half hours long, included professional entertain-

Big Clean-up Job Ahead

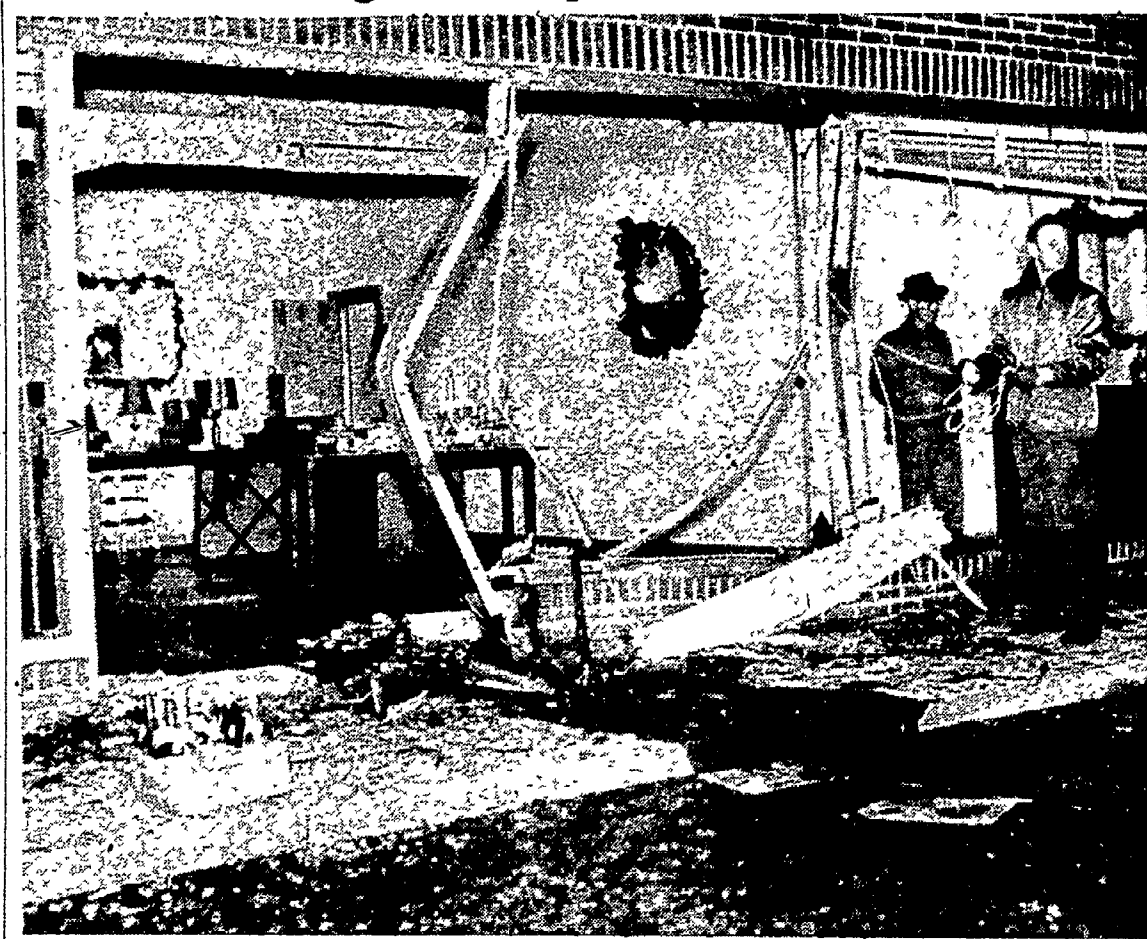


Plate glass windows of a Spring City store front were shattered when a convertible ran out of control along Route 83, struck a car in front of the store and caromed into the windows. Store owner Paul L. Mowrey, in a preliminary estimate, said damage might total \$8000. Four Phoenixville men were taken to Phoenixville hospital after the crash. None was injured seriously. (Another picture on Page 2).

Rotary to Continue 13-Year-Old Yule Grant Tradition

Pottstown Rotary club members will carry on the 13-year tradition of answering needy children's letters to Santa that was established by Earl S. Levengood, club member who has been seriously ill.

This was announced yesterday by Walter F. Heise, club president, to whom Postmaster J. Alfred Marquet turned over 20 letters mailed to Santa Claus, North Pole, by trusting children.

The number was much smaller than it had been early in the project's history, which carried out the theory expressed several years ago by Levengood — the more prosperous the times, the fewer the letters to Santa.

But the letters had as much humor, mostly unconscious as ever.

HEISE SAID that a group of Rotarians would study the letters, and in the case of needy children, do its best to fill the child's requests.

Those who will work on the project, to be climaxed by a trip of a Rotary Santa tomorrow, include Heise; Gordon Ascheimer, who is Levengood's son-in-law; Charles L. Rohland, club vice president, and members of the fellowship committee chairmanned by Herbert F. Houck.

Levengood is confined to his home with a chronic heart condition. Although his illness is serious, his family reported, his condition has not been critical.

He has been in failing health.

School-Wide Parties Mark Vacation Start For Parochial Pupils

Pottstown area parochial school pupils broke classes for the Christmas holidays yesterday afternoon, with parties, gifts and songs.

The 452 pupils at St. Aloysius Catholic school, spent yesterday's afternoon session exchanging gifts, receiving boxes of candy from the parish and enjoying themselves at individual class parties.

A school-wide Christmas celebration was also held at St. Peter's Catholic school, where 132 children held their party in the auditorium at 1 p. m.

The program include singing of Christmas carols, distribution of candy by William Soltes, Seventh grade pupil, dressed as Santa Claus, and exchanging of gifts between the pupils.

ST. GABRIEL'S Catholic school, Stowe, also reported a school-wide

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for nearly three years. On Dec. 21, 1950, he suffered an attack during a YMCA board meeting.

On June 6, 1951, he had his left leg amputated in Pottstown hospital.

Levengood, who lives at 224 Rosedale drive, is president of Levengood Dairies. He is 60.

THE ROTARIANS won't do much to help Santa fill such lists as the one with 21 items on it compiled by a non-needy Pottstown boy. Among other things on this grant list were "a Army jacket for my Army patches," "the Magic Answer Man — it's a game" and "a motor airplane that you control with radio control."

The kind of list they could and would help fill was scrawled on a piece of brown wrapping paper

by a little boy from a relatively poor section of town. He wrote simply: "Dear Santa, Please Send Me Two Guns."

Two children who are too young to write didn't let that stop them from sending a letter to Santa. One child put three pieces of note paper in an envelope addressed by an adult. On two of the pieces were drawings of a mouse. On the third were a half dozen rows of nice wavy lines.

The body of one letter, signed in a childish scrawl, "Skippy," obviously had been written by two different adult hands. After the genuine signature, the second adult added several more things that Skippy wanted.

The last item was "an auto-

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Rash of New Yule Lights Break Out As Borough Grets Christmas Eve

Many new light patterns are sprouting with color on borough homes as late trimmers prepare for Christmas Eve tonight.

Three new displays on Maplewood drive give the street a lion on the title "Christmas Row." Every house on the street has now an attractive arrangement of lights around doors, windows, eaves and bushes.

Dr. Ellis Kohn, 247 Maplewood drive, strung blue and white lights across the length of his home and down both sides. Laurel was intertwined with the electric cords.

Yellow candles illuminate three windows in the living room and two side windows flicker with bubbling lights. This is the first year the Kohns have decorated the outside of their home.

Two, large yellow stars contrast with red draperies in the windows of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Calabrese, 288 Maplewood drive. Red and green lights decorate the porch and vari-colored bulbs light four small trees on the lawn. This is the second year the

home's exterior has been trimmed.

FRANKLIN E. EDWARDS, 250 Maplewood drive, trimmed two small bushes and put a green shade on the driveway post light. A red light reflects on a white porch and yellow candles are in each window.

Edwards trimmed his Christmas tree with bubbling lights and put it in the home's bay window. "I try to get some effect from the inside trimmings," he said.

At 895 Logan street, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew M. Billy attracts the admiration of passers-by. Blue lights surround the picture window, eaves and porch. Three trees on the lawn are lighted by red bulbs. A Santa Claus face shines at the peak of the house.

Mrs. Billy said, "Santa Claus is going to trim a silver tree with red lights and pink balls in the picture window to offset the blue lights." This is the second year the Billys have decorated their home's exterior.

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Vaughan Knitting Mills to Close Except for Two Departments

With the exception of two departments operated by approximately 25 employees, the Vaughan Knitting Mills, High and Manatawny streets, will close down today.

This information came last night from Lester M. Boughter, shop steward of local 1146, Textile Workers union (CIO), who said the shutdown will culminate the mills relocation to southern plants which started a little over a year ago.

In a statement made in June, 1951, when the mill was building a small plant in Spruce

Pine, N. C., Nelson M. Vaughan, vice president, secretary and treasurer, said that relocation was being made to take advantage of lower wages paid Southern textile workers.

Boughter said that Samuel Frost, manager of TWU's district joint board, and four local representatives, including himself, had met with company officials Dec. 12 at the Shuler House hotel, to discuss comparison of local and Southern labor costs, "but nothing came of it."

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES at

the meeting were Mary Shipp, president; Norman Beihl, president-elect; Clinton Fry, and Boughter.

The two departments to be retained here will be the shipping and the unit department, handling sales to retailers. According to Boughter, the shipping department will be utilized as the main shipping point for the three Southern plants, two located in North Carolina and the newest one in West Virginia.

Closing of the rest of the mill will affect approximately 75 of the 100 employees, with seniority determining who will be retained in the two departments, Boughter said.

The shop steward explained that prior to the mill's decision to move, it employed over 200 workers. But as the machinery was dismantled and shipped South during the past year, the labor force also was gradually laid off bringing it down to the present number.

THE SITUATION was discussed again at the union's meeting last night, Boughter said. He added that Frost had announced an important meeting for Jan. 27, but failed to disclose the subject of importance except that it was connected with the mill's relocation.

The local's new officers, elected in November, also were installed last night. The new officers are Norman Beihl, president; Mary Shipp, vice president; Ruth Dyer, recording secretary, and Margaret Smith, financial secretary.

Company officials could not be reached last night for comment on the closing of the mill.

The mill was founded in Pottstown in 1907 by Andrew E. Vaughan Sr., and is now operated by his two sons, Andrew E. Vaughan Jr., president, and Nelson Vaughan.

Some Business Places Set Records For Holiday Season Sales Volume

Retail business in Pottstown during the Christmas season has been at least as good as, and in many cases much better than the past year. In several cases, all-time records have been set already.

This was the general verdict yesterday of a survey of heads of stores selling everything from toys to liquor.

Mrs. Harry Baratz, owner with her husband of Burton's (women's wear), 215 High street, reported: "We enjoyed a very, very wonderful Christmas. There was a nice increase over last year. . . I would say that a record has been set."

The record would be for the six years they have had that store in Pottstown, generally regarded as six of Pottstown's most prosperous years.

Mrs. Baratz noted that men this year were buying more of such things as dresses, skirts and blouses for their wives than they were such supposed favorites as robes.

She said she believed that women already had stocked up on lounging garments because of their popularity for television watching.

IRVIN L. SMITH, manager of Sears Roebuck and company store, 232 High street, of the toy business:

"It was much better than in previous years. It exceeded our expectations. Toy sales were greater than last year, and last year was greater than the year before."

He said the fact that banks mailed out big Christmas club checks relatively early, Nov. 26, gave a spurt to early shopping.

"Business was pretty well spread out," he said. "By this week, it's tapered off."

He added, "In checking with our other stores in Pennsylvania, I find we're doing slightly better in Pottstown than elsewhere, but the whole pattern looks pretty good."

Only a slightly less optimistic report was filed by Jack Hoffman, a partner in the New York department store, 244 High street.

"We'll show an increase for the month of December, but for November and December combined, we'll be just about even with last year."

This year might have been better than the past, he noted, if it had not been that Thanksgiving this year fell a week later.

Although no records were set, Hoffman summarized, "it was as good as we anticipated."

HENRY E. BERGEY reported that there was a final rush for at least one type of merchandise.

As manager of the Pennsylvania State Liquor store, 317 High street, he could take time off only to say quickly that white overall business has been slightly above the past year, that it has not been above years immediately preceding 1951.

The reason he couldn't spare time deliveries on Christmas day, the

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HOLIDAY SPELL TO SLOW DOWN TEMPO OF TOWN

Industry and Government Expected to Come To Stop

The tempo of Pottstown's activity will slow down to idling speed today as the magic spell of Christmas steals over the area.

Tomorrow the machinery of business, industry, government and education will virtually halt.

Borough and local State offices will be closed all day, as will all banks and most stores and restaurants.

Schools and some industries have already been closed several days.

Meetings of business, fraternal and service clubs were moved up or canceled to leave the holiday free for members to spend with their own families.

BUT SOME parts of the economic and industrial machine were still going in high gear yesterday.

The most furious activity was at the postoffice, where employees were trying to dig themselves out of a blizzard of mail that reached its greatest intensity yesterday.

"It seems physically impossible to get all the holiday mail out before Christmas," Postmaster J. Alfred Marquet said, "even though some of our own men are handling 3000 letters a day each."

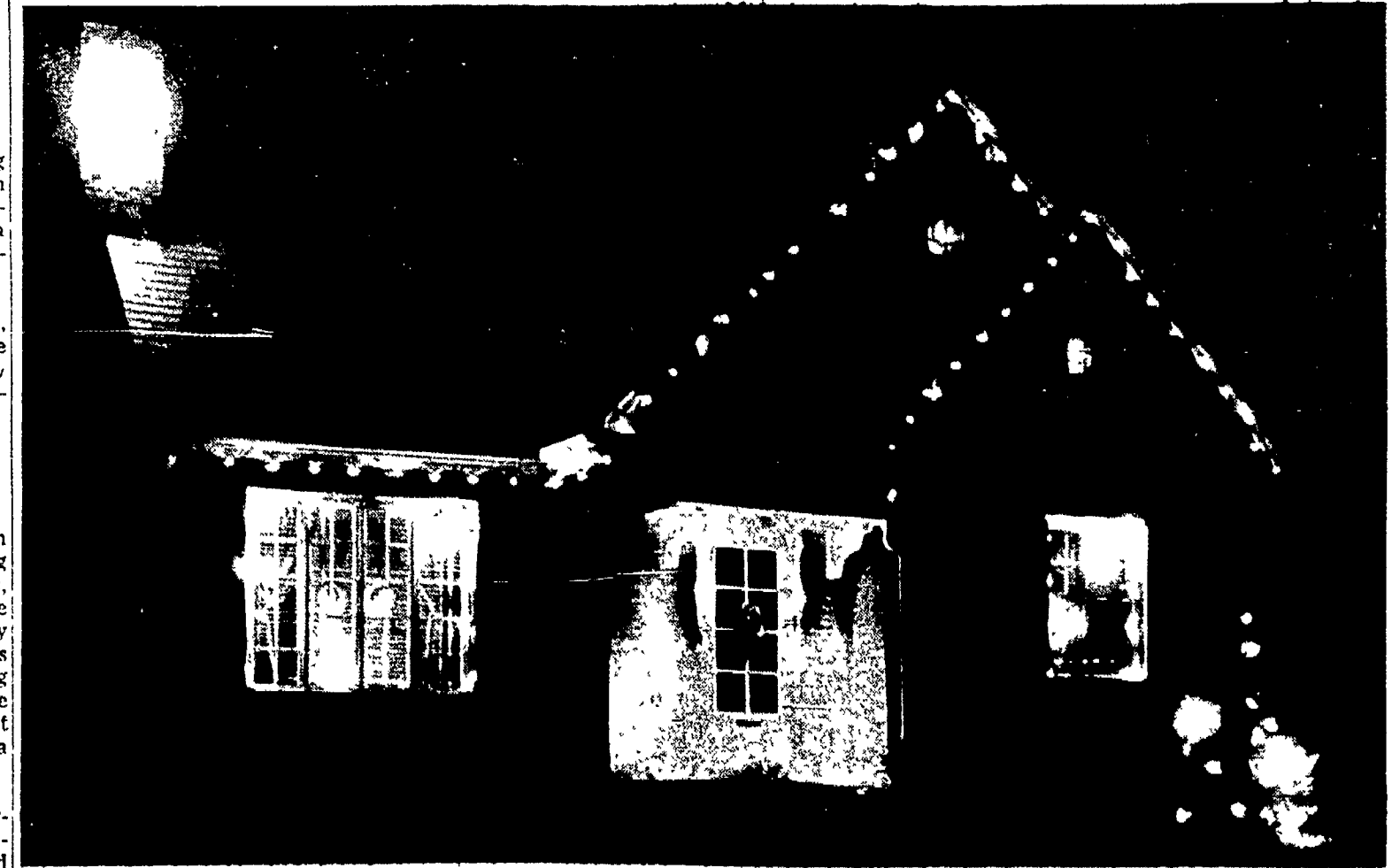
"The volume of mail was extremely heavy today," the postmaster went on. "It descended upon us in bundles and bunches. There just isn't enough time left to take care of it before the holiday."

HE SAID the postoffice employees will work until dark this afternoon, with three substitute carriers assisting on each route.

There will be some last-minute deliveries on Christmas day, the

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Spirit of Christmas Reigns Here



A white star at the roof peak and on the chimney of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony L. Veach, 254 Maplewood drive, is set off by blue lights strung across the roof and eaves. Vari-colored lights

frim the windows and door and trees on the front lawn. A four-foot illuminated candle stands on each side of the door and in each window there is a red lighted wreath.

—Mercury Staff Photo

Postoffice Handles Over Million Pieces Of Mail for Record

"The rush is definitely still on," said J. Alfred Marquet, Pottstown postmaster, yesterday, to describe the record volume of Christmas mail pouring into the local post office.

He revealed that from Dec. 8, considering the beginning of the Christmas mail season, to date 1,055,322 pieces of outgoing mail have been handled by the local post office as compared to a total of 902,486 in 1951. The peak was reached the past Thursday with 134,255 pieces.

"We thought it would be all over Monday night," he said, "but to behold, there was more of it yesterday morning."

To process this outgoing mail, the postoffice has been open every day from 5 a. m. to 10:30 p. m. and has required the help of 71 additional Christmas temporary employees, some of whom are also used to expedite deliveries.

MARQUET SAID that incoming mail also is establishing a record inasmuch as it is heavier than

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Boss Gets Surprise At Christmas Dinner

(Picture on Page 13)

The annual Christmas dinner for employees of Lincoln Underwear mills, Water and Evans streets, produced a surprise for the boss yesterday.

Following the turkey dinner served to 125 employees of the mill at noon, the strains of "Happy Birthday, Mr. Potter" floated over the public address system to the surprise of Carson C. Potter, owner of the firm.

This was only the first part of the surprise cooked up by the employees for their employer, who celebrates his birthday Christmas Day. Next came a

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ON THE MAIN DRAG

GLADYS KEELER —meeting important people. BERNADETTE MONTAGUE —trying to apologize. SYLVIA PIKE —telling of her job in Virginia. ANN GREGORY —hustling down the Main Drag. JANET HAAS —glancing nonchalantly to the side. WAYNE QUERY —making a weekend schedule. JOHN PETRICK —learning a difficult riff. AL STAUFFER —showing off his newly-purchased auto. JOE RINALDI —making like a fox. DAVE MILLER —searching a telephone directory.

PTC Fare Increase Gels Authorization By Utility Commission

HARRISBURG, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Public Utility commission today unanimously approved an estimated \$5,033,600 a year fare increase proposed by the Philadelphia Transportation company. The boost is effective immediately.

The company was authorized to drop a 13 1/3 cent token and use its straight 15-cent cash fare for a single ride. Three cents will be charged for the first transfer and one cent for each additional transfer. A two-vehicle ride now costs 15 cents.

Suburban fares under the PTC also will rise from eight to ten cents. A 7 1/2 cent school fare remains unchanged.

In approving the increase, the PUC dismissed a protest by the city of Philadelphia. It said that a nine-month investigation showed the new fares would not produce in excess of a fair return upon any fare it would be justified in finding. PTC had filed the permanent increase to go into effect the past April 1. The new schedule was suspended by the PUC to Jan. 1 for an investigation and public hearings at which the city voiced vigorous objections.

THE PAST SUMMER the company was granted a temporary fare increase pending final action on a permanent fare proposal.

The State Superior court stayed the temporary boost on an appeal by the city and the record was returned to the PUC.

With the added revenue under the new fares the commission found that PTC would have an annual net income of \$5,001,905, or the equivalent of a 6 1/2 percent return on a \$76,352,000 property valuation.

The PUC said this is well below a fair return on any fair value of PTC property that the commission could justifiably find in the long contested case.

Twin Inaugural Balls To Solve Tight Space For GOP's Dancers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Times may have changed since there was widespread dancing in the streets over political victories but the urge remains.

The tip-off came tonight when the Republicans announced a decision to make their Eisenhower-Nixon inaugural ball a double barreled affair.

They said they had to do it—there just isn't any place here big enough to handle in one batch all those who want to dance (or at least to be seen in public in dress clothes) in celebration of the outcome of the Republican victory last Nov. 4.

Letters or other direct how-do-I-get-tickets inquiries have come from more than 50,000 persons.

Originally the show was set up for the District of Columbia armory where fire regulations limited the crowd at the Truman inaugural affair four years ago to 5300.

THE TWIN bill will be run off at Uline arena, estimated to have at least equal capacity.

Arrangements were still being worked out, but committee officials said the tickets won't be good for both balls. They will specify which one the bearer can get into.

The show itself will go on the shuttle route, with bands, entertainers, speakers and such being hauled back and forth.

LOCAL NOTICES

No office hours Friday, Dec. 26. Dr. John A. Anthony.

Office closed Dec. 25 through Dec. 29. Dr. Charlotte M. Weikel.

No office hours until Jan. 2. S. Nowacki, M. D., 884 High street.

No office hours Dec. 24 through Jan. 9. Dr. J. G. Hafer.

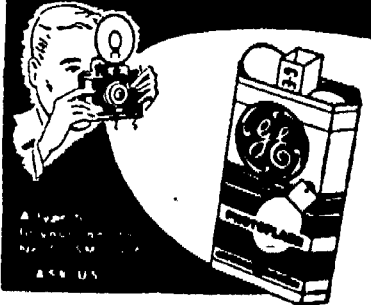
Levengood Dairy Cup will be open Dec. 24, 11 a. m. to 7 p. m. Dec. 25, 5:30 p. m. to 6:30 p. m.

Charles Tornabene & Son, seafood luncheonette, rear Arcade bldg., will be closed 6 p. m. today and reopen 7 a. m. Friday.

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The battered front of the convertible which smashed into the plate glass show windows of Paul L. Mowrey, Route 83, Spring City, last night is inspected by Trooper Charles E. Weber Paoli State police. The car was driven by Harry Challingsworth, Phoenixville. Three other Phoenixville men were occupants of the car.

Town Slows Down for Christmas

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postmaster explained, if enough substitutes volunteer to work. Regular employees will not be on duty on the legal holiday.

He added that business mail is kept segregated as much as possible from the Christmas mail. Letters and packages destined for postoffices in other towns go out promptly, but may pile up at their destination as they have here.

Friday will be a partial holiday at the postoffice, Marquet announced, with carriers on duty. The office will open windows for stamps, parcels and registry in the morning, but they will be open only from 8 a. m. to 9 a. m.

Railroad travel to and from Pottstown has been heavy for the past two weeks, during which ticket sales doubled.

"IT SLACKENED this week, but it's still above normal," Allen T. Haesseler, ticket clerk at the Reading station, revealed last night.

There will be two extra trains running through Pottstown today. One will follow the regular 6:05 p. m. train arriving from Philadelphia and bound for Reading. The other will be an eastbound train following the regular 8:58 p. m. from Reading.

The Reading buses are carrying more passengers, too, in about the same proportion as the trains.

INTERBOROUGH BUSES are well patronized by last minute shoppers. Homer H. Werner, owner of a bus line that serves Pottstown and smaller towns in Chester county, said last night he has run four extra buses daily in addition to the 11 vehicles he normally sends into Pottstown.

"The Spring City-Royersford-Pottstown run is the most active," Werner observed. "People going to Pottstown to shop, probably. They leave there with lots of packages, as our drivers can tell you."

Service station attendants at the east and west end of town reported heavy traffic on Route 422.

Robert "Riggle" Kirlin, mechanic at Buckwalter and Shaw, High and Adams street, reported that motorists stopping there complained of the thick crowds of pedestrians and the bumper-to-bumper driving on the business section.

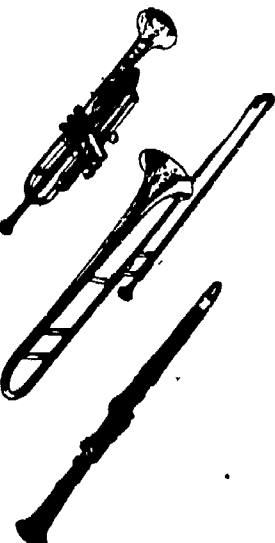
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tables and electric toasters. The green plastered walls of the show room were scarred and scratched from fragments of glass.

THE NEW STORE, which houses merchandise for Mowrey's wholesale appliance business, was opened three months ago.

The store owner said he did not know whether his insurance would cover damages. He added bitterly, "I'll celebrate Christmas tomorrow."

Business will continue as usual, since Mowrey is a wholesaler.

Several hundred spectators stopped at the scene and inspected debris. Cars were parked on both sides of Route 83.

2 More May Testify At Ho'dup Inquiry

BOSTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Two more unwilling witnesses may change their minds and talk before a federal grand jury investigating the \$120,000 Brink holdup, it was indicated tonight.

They are Adolph "Jazz" Maffie of Quincy and John W. "Dee" Daly, whose contempt hearings were continued until Dec. 31.

Their counsel, Michael Carchia, told U. S. Judge William T. McCarthy "if they don't take my advice I'll be ready by Dec. 31."

Carchia implied he would advise the men to answer questions before the grand jury, which cited the pair for contempt for refusing to talk.

Maffie and Daly would be the second and third of 11 reluctant witnesses who might change their minds and testify before the jury, thus purging themselves of contempt.

Pottstown's banks will be open until 5 p. m. today, but will remain closed all day tomorrow.

Friday they will keep their doors open until 6 p. m. They will be closed as usual Saturday.

R. Ross Longaker, chief clerk of Pottstown's local draft board 110, said the board's office in city hall will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Employees of the borough will be on the job today and Friday, but there will be no business transacted on Christmas day, a spokesman reported.

THE LOCAL OFFICE of the Pennsylvania State Employment service will be closed Christmas Day.

The State liquor control board's Pottstown store will close tonight at 6 p. m. and remain closed Christmas Day.

The Pottstown Rotary club and the American Business club have canceled their meetings for tomorrow, after holding their Christmas parties the past week.

The meeting of the Optimist

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Rotary Club to Play Santa Claus

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malic scraper and drill (whatever he means, Santa!)." * * *

LITTLE BOYS were rather reserved in their farewells to Santa, settling for "Your Friend" or "Thank You." One boy went a step further by twice wishing Santa "Merry Christmas."

Little girls were more outwardly affectionate. Several of

them not only sent "Love" and "Kisses" but also put rows of X's underneath their signature.

One little girl wrote: "Will you please bring me a walking doll for Christmas. I am being a good girl."

There was a note of urgency about at least two letters. In one "Doctor Kit" was written three different times. Another one was sent to Santa Claus; North Pole with an air mail stamp on it.

Alimony to Wife, 3 Kids Set at Monthly \$2250

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23 (AP)—Alan Nelson Jenkins Sr., 38, vice president of the Jenkins Arcade, must pay his estranged wife and their three children \$2250 a month support.

Judge Benjamin Lencher of the Allegheny county court today also ordered Jenkins, a member of a pioneer Pittsburgh family, to post a \$10,000 performance bond. Mrs. Jenkins, 33, charged her husband with excessive drinking. Jenkins claimed his wife was extravagant.

SEPPMAN IN KOREA

SEOUL, Wednesday, Dec. 24 (AP)—Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York flew in last night to

spend his second Christmas with troops in Korea and scheduled his first mass for early this morning.

Perricone Quadruplets Head Home From Korea

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Perricone quads arrived today from Korea, headed for Texas and the happy change from tank riding to home on the plains.

Famed as the only quadruplets ever drafted into the Army, the 23-year-old Perricones immediately took the news spotlight when the USNS Gen. W. F. Hase docked at Fort Mason with 2856 Army men and one Navy sailor—all veterans of Korean action.

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"I want two front teeth for Christmas" says Brenda Hunsinger (center) to Santa Claus at the Firestone Tire and Rubber company's annual children's Christmas party at the Junior High school, while her sister, Nancy, waits her opportunity to put in her holiday gift request. The affair, held in three shifts, was attended by over 2000 children of employees. (Story on Page 1).

Judge Knight Grants Prisoner Parole for Christmas Present

Freedom from prison was the Christmas present given Monday to George F. Barlow, of Mont Clare, by Judge Harold G. Knight, of the Montgomery County court in Norristown.

Barlow was placed on parole by order of the court as a result of a hearing on his application the past November.

The defendant pleaded guilty the past April 25 to charges of burglary and larceny and was sentenced to serve from

eight to 16 months in the County prison from the expiration of two months of prior parole time.

Barlow, through his attorney, William P. Manning, asked for a parole on the basis that he had been promised a job and that he planned to overcome his craving for alcoholic beverages.

THE DEFENDANT was arrested the past April 16 while asleep in the United Brethren Evangelical church, Mont Clare, after he had broken into the building.

He admitted to burglarizing several gasoline service stations, a coal and feed company office, a foundry, and a school in the Mont Clare area, all within a period of several months.

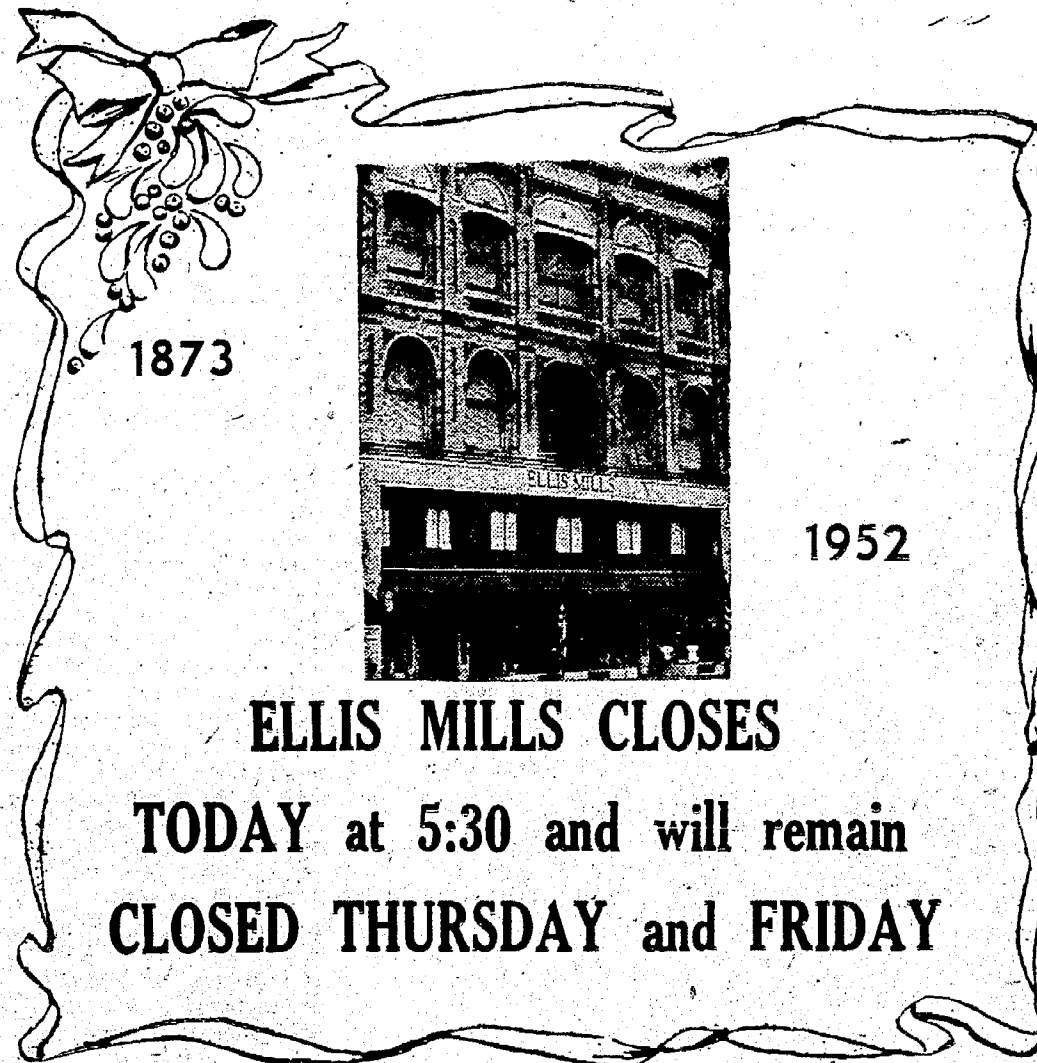
Salesman Puts Out Store Window Fire

Last-minute shoppers looking for a hot bargain would have got more than they'd bargained for if they'd peeked into a Pottstown furniture store's display window yesterday afternoon at 3 p. m.

A foam rubber pillow in a display window of Levitz Furniture store, 212 High street, was ignited by a spark falling from the torch of a welder working on the second floor, where offices are being installed.

A quick-thinking salesman, Mark Schaeffer, grabbed a fire extinguisher and put it to good use before firemen had to be called.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Senator Sparkman (D-Ala.) said today that Chinese Nationalists military forces on Formosa now are strong enough to put brakes on Chinese Communist operations on the mainland.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Securities and Exchange commission today approved a revised plan for liquidation and dissolution of Pennsylvania Gas and Electric corporation. (Penn corporation), of Jersey City, N. J.

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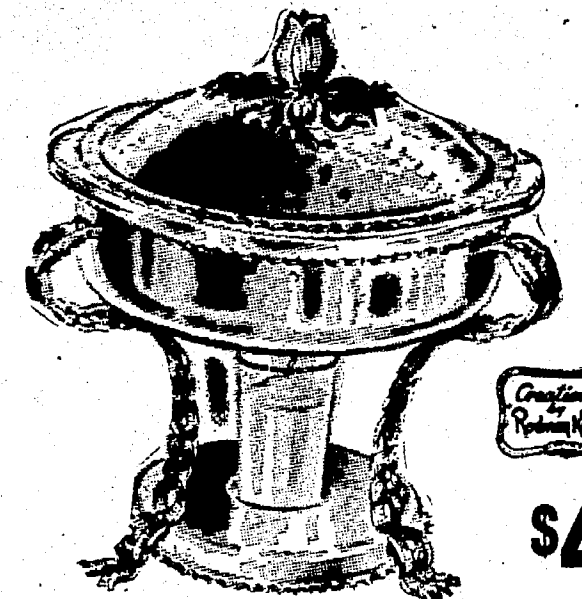
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box of 3 pairs, \$4.95

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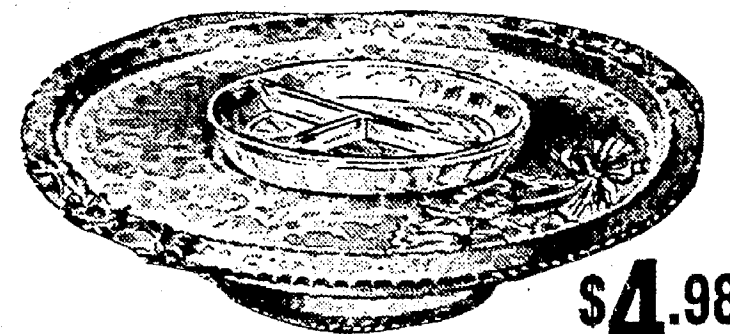
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*They are slaves who fear to speak
for the fallen and the weak.—James
Russell Lowell.*

Let Us Pray for Peace

CHRISTMAS Eve services in the church
where we worshipped in childhood are
always among our tenderest memories. The
soft candlelight—the Christmas hymns,
"Peace on Earth," "Come All Ye Faithful!"
—in later years we can see and hear them
again.

In these days when whole nations are
preaching irreligion and godlessness, it is
especially important that we help our chil-
dren to build up such memories for their
future.

Let us attend the services as families—
and pray for Peace on Earth to save our
civilization.

Christmas Eve, 1952

THERE'S many a Christmas story you may
want to read your children tonight as
you await Santa's visit. First of all, there is
always the oldest, the grandest story as Luke
told it, and Matthew.

Then there are the quaint and marvelous
legends about fairies and beasts and men at
Christmastide, many of them as old as the
Middle Ages. Some always want to read
Dickens' "Christmas Carol" again.

But of all, we turn to a newspaperman's
story to answer the question of a lot: "Is
there a Santa Claus?" It was written by
Francis P. Church in the New York Sun,
September 21, 1897. Considered one of the
most famous editorials ever penned, perhaps
you'd like to read it to your young'uns to-
night:

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old.
Some of my little friends say there is no
Santa Claus.

Papa says "If you see it in The Sun it's so."
Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa
Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon,
115 West 95th Street.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong.
They have been affected by the skepticism of
a skeptical age. They do not believe ex-
cept they see. They think that nothing can
be which is not comprehensible by their little
minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be
men's or children's, are little.

In this great universe of ours man is a
mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as com-
pared with the boundless world about him
as measured by the intelligence capable of
grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He
exists as certainly as love and generosity
and devotion exist, and you know that they
abound and give to your life its highest
beauty and joy.

Alas! how dreary would be the world if
there were no Santa Claus! It would be as
dreary as if there were no Virginias.

There would be no childlike faith then, no
poetry, no romance to make tolerable this
existence. We should have no enjoyment,
except in sense and sight. The eternal light
with which childhood fills the world would
be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might
as well not believe in fairies! You might get
your papa to hire men to watch in all the
chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa
Claus, but even if they did not see Santa
Claus coming down, what would that prove?

Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no
sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most
real things in the world are those that
neither children nor men can see.

Did you ever see fairies dancing on the
lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof
that they are not there. Nobody can con-
ceive or imagine all the wonders there are
unseen and seeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see
what makes the noise inside, but there is a
veil covering the unseen world which not the
strongest man, nor even the united strength
of all the strongest men that ever lived, could
tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance,
can push aside that curtain and view and
picture the supernatural beauty and glory be-
yond. Is it all real?

Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is
nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus!

Thank God he lives, and he lives forever.

A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay,
ten times ten thousands years from now, he
will continue to make glad the heart of child-
hood.

Grampaw Oakley

Editor, The Mercury,
Dear Sir 'n' Brother:

Wal, I see by the papers where Wash-
ington has gotten out a booklet on Christmas
trees. Wonder if it tells
how to pick one that will
please every member of
the family.

There's an old saying
that every critter has its
day. But that doesn't
mean it's necessary to
turn Christmas Eve over
to pink elephants.

And say: Little Sister
wanted to know at break-
fast today what a Santa
Claus used for roof-top hitching posts before
there were any television set aerials!

Hopin' you air the same,
GRAMPAW NED OAKLEY

READERS SAY:

Mercantile Bureau Head Explains Costs of Lights

Lights Cost Outlined
To the Editor: Several persons have
written to The Mercury regarding the
"few dollars" spent for Christmas de-
corations.

Expenses for this work for 1952-53
are not available at this time. For last
year, however, the direct expenses of
putting up and removing the Christmas
decorations amounted to \$2628.96.

These costs included \$1816.38 for
labor; \$379.94 for new bulbs, wire, etc.;
liability insurance, \$133.38; inspection
and temporary service charges, \$30.00;
fire insurance premium, \$57.96; electric
current, \$411.30.

All of these expenses were paid by
the Mercantile Bureau of the Chamber
of Commerce, whose funds come prin-
cipally from businesses.

One should also add the "out of
pocket" costs such as the time of busi-
ness men serving on committees and the
essential office work performed at the
Chamber's headquarters,
Pottstown

A. E. WILLAUER, CHAIRMAN
MERCANTILE BUREAU

WASHINGTON

New Congress To Probe

US Reds and Corruption

By RAY TUCKER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23—Although
Rep. Joseph W. Martin Jr., Speaker of
the House, in the next session, favors con-
structive legislative action instead of
endless and time-consuming investiga-
tions, Republican leaders on Capitol
Hill have decided to keep the Congres-
sional spotlight on two winning issues in
the recent campaign—Communism and
corruption.

Although several post-election re-
velations, underlie and justify this
decision, GOP strategists have in
mind a definite political objective.
They hope to utilize forthcoming dis-
closures of Truman-Acheson delin-
quencies in these matters to insure
Republican control of the executive
and legislative branches of the gov-
ernment for many years ahead, pos-
sibly matching the Democrats' 20-
year tenancy at Washington.

In short, they aim to capitalize on
alleged Democratic tolerance of Com-
mies and crooks in the same way that
Roosevelt and Truman, in their five
successive Presidential sweeps, exploited
Harding's Teapot Dome scandal and the
"Hoover depression."

If those relatively minor lapses were
good for so many ballot-box victories,
the GOP-ers think they can duplicate
those successes on the basis of these
new and extremely emotional issues.

MAY BE POLITICALLY HELPFUL:

This exploitation may prove to be polit-
ically helpful, if President-elect Eisen-
hower should be unable to halt or win
the current cold war, or if large-scale
conflict should break out between the
United States and Russia during his term
or terms. It would, in the Republicans'
opinion, place the responsibility for such
a catastrophe directly on the Democrats.

If this should seem like political
fantasy, there is the fact that many
GOP orators in the recent campaign
pursued this same argument with
respect to the events leading to
World War II, and to Roosevelt-Tru-
man concessions to Russia before the
Communist attack in Korea.

As they put it, the inevitable reaction
to wartime and postwar agreements
(Yalta, Teheran, Potsdam), as well as
to Acheson's policies in the Far East,
was the police action in Korea.

PURSUIT OF COMMUNISTS: The
Republicans now maintain that Capitol
Hill's bipartisan pursuit of Communists
and fellow-travelers within the Truman
and Roosevelt Administrations has been
vindicated by impartial and nonpolitical
bodies. The very men praised and de-
fended by Truman and Acheson have
been condemned by Grand Juries, the
United Nations and their own Loyalty
Review Board.

The two most distinguished figures—
Owen Lattimore and John Carter Vin-
cent—admittedly had great influence in
shaping our attitude toward the Nation-
alist-Communist struggle for possession
of China in the postwar period.

Their writings and behavior
showed that they were hostile to
Chiang Kai-shek, and partial to the
Reds. Acheson himself relied heavily
on their advice.

It may not be possible to prove
that they committed any acts of outright
disloyalty. As was true of Alger Hiss,
Lattimore has been indicted only on the
ground that he perjured himself in tes-
tifying before the McCarran committee.

But the uncontroverted facts do sug-
gest that they, as well as the high-placed
officials who framed Far Eastern pol-
icy on the basis of their advice, were
inexorably inept and stupid in one of
the major crises of world history.

FLOWERS FOR THE LIVING

For
MR. AND MRS.
ALFRED MAUGER
314 Elm street,
South Pottstown
BECAUSE they are to-
day celebrating their
24th wedding anniver-
sary.

The name and complete address of the author must accompany every contribution but
on request will not be published. Letters not exceeding 250 words will receive preference.

Should Be Grateful

To the Editor: The readers who have
been criticizing the High street Christ-
mas lights are either ungrateful or un-
thinking, in my opinion.

Evidently they have already forgotten
the blackouts and brownouts of World
War II, when Christmas lights were out
of the question.

Nor do they have enough imagina-
tion to realize the conditions that ex-
isted here a generation or two ago, when
people were glad to have a coal oil lan-
tern by which to find their way at night.

These people of not so long ago lived
in a permanent blackout, and they didn't
complain as much as most moderns do.

And let's remember that there are
places in the world today that are still
blackout—places like Korea and
Indo-China.

The Christmas lights on High street
look good to me. They are symbols of
freedom. Let us be glad we are not walk-
ing in darkness.
Pottstown LAMPLIGHTER

The Voice of Broadway

By DOROTHY KILGALLEN

New York at Christmas Time

O, Come, All Ye Faithful, Joyful
and Triumphant, O Come Ye, O Come Ye to
Bethlehem!

AND COME to New York. Manhattan
glitters and glows and shines with Christ-
mas. Its bells sing of Christmas, and its
people wear Christmas smiles. It is a
beautiful island—tall and beautiful by

day, jeweled and
more beautiful at
night. It hums and
roars and clangs,
and vibrates, but
there are places of
peace in it, too.

High in the sky-
scrapers, there is
quiet. And deep in
the churches, no
sound is louder than
a prayer.

Rockefeller center
is paved with a
carpet of flickering
candles. Park Ave-
nue is a lane of trees wrapped in golden
lights. Delicate airs from music boxes
tinkle in unexpected doorways, and Fifth
Avenue is an aisle of magic windows.

The town has never been as lovely.
Jingle bells, jingle bells jingle all the
way. Oh what fun it is to ride in a one-
horse open sleigh!

NEW YORK'S ONE-HORSE SLEIGHS
are multi-colored taxicabs—yellow and
orange and apple green and bathtub
white. They carry shoppers to the big
busy stores and Powers models to cock-
tail parties and soldiers to the railroad
stations and the trains for home. They
take college boys to the dancing places.

They fight traffic and trucks and buses
and women drivers and emerge un-
scratched and glossy and triumphant.
And try and find an empty one when
your arms are full of bundles!

Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly.

The Worry Clinic

By DR. GEORGE W. CRANE

CHARLOTTE B., 26, is an attractive
stenographer.

"Dr. Crane, I was engaged to be mar-
ried the Autumn after I left college,"
she said, "but my fiancé was killed."

"It left me so desolate, I felt no
interest in anybody, not even my parents."
"I walked around in a trance. I
didn't even want to live. In fact, I drank
poison, but my parents got me to the hos-
pital in time to save my life."

"Then you may recall that I consulted
you, Dr. Crane, and you made me promise
to try out your advice for six months."

"You said if I went through the proper
motions, I would soon begin to feel the
corresponding emotions. I am frank to
confess I didn't believe you at that time,
but I agreed."

"I told you of an attractive home
town boy who had been very fond of me
before I went to college. He still seemed
to love me, and after my fiancé was
killed, this boy again began to ask me
for dates."

"YOU SAID I should accept the dates,
even if I didn't love the boy. You said
I should pretend to be happy and gay,
even though I didn't feel that way deep
down inside."

"So I tried out your prescription. I
went to movies and dances with him. He
even got me a job with his company. He
took me to lunch two or three times a
week."

"We went to church together. We
went swimming, and on picnics, on moon-
lit drives and to concerts."

"I told my boy friend that I was afraid
I'd be a wet blanket, but he said he'd
take a chance."

"Besides, he told me you said the
quickest way to change the condition of
a wet blanket is to get it out in the sun-
shine instead of hiding it away in a dark
closet or damp basement."

"AT YOUR advice, I had forced my-
self to laugh and be gay. I soon noticed
that I didn't have to force it so much."

"It wasn't long until I even began to
laugh again spontaneously. At first I
felt I was being dishonest in this enjoy-
ing life after my fiancé had died."

"After a few weeks, my boy friend
kissed me. Again I felt a little disloyal,
but after a time, I returned his kisses
They felt nice."

"Six months later, my boy friend was
transferred to New York. I actually shed
tears when I bade him goodbye."

"And I felt so lonesome for him there-
after, that I wrote him every day. When
he was home again on vacation, I was so
overjoyed, I clung to him and confessed
that I loved him. We were married soon
afterwards."

Fire Companies Too Close

To the Editor: I can see the objection
to the Good Will Fire company moving
to the site of their lot at High and Bailey
streets. The Empire company is only
a few blocks away.

There should be a better distribution
of the fire companies in the borough to
provide better protection. There
shouldn't be a move made by any of the
companies because they got a bargain
but because it is strategically correct and
to the benefit of the community. After
all, the social club should come after
the community's interest.
Pottstown CYNIC

Better Present Wanted

To the Editor: I see by the paper
this morning that the Robinson Clay
Product company is giving their em-
ployees a Christmas bonus.

We, their neighbors, wish for heaven's
sake, they would keep their promise of
several months ago and finally stop that
infernal noise, which would make it a
very happy Christmas for us.
Pottstown MANATAWNY STREET

GREAT EXPECTATIONS



Hollywood

By EDITH GWYNN

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 23—With or
without Mario Lanza, "The Student
Prince" will go before cameras
when Spring rolls around. Janice
Rule, recently dropped by Metro

may be back
there for her
Princess role in
same. She'd al-
ready spent
months rears-
ing her dances
for it. Wonder
what's become of
M.G.M.'s movie
plans for Metro-
politan's Brian Sul-
livan. . . . Dorothy
Lamour trained
home from her
eastern trek. She
doesn't fly. Her
Dad was killed in
a 1931 plane crash. Lamour gave
her ever-lovin' Bill Howard a tweed
sport coat, with all the pockets
lined in leather. (Built-in tobacco
pouches?). . . . The John Huston-
Ricki Soma marriage is kaput—
finis. Huston, who brings "Moulin
Rouge" star, Collette Marchand
into town today, has the gal under
personal contract. When Collette
was a member of the ballet de
Paris, she was signed by Howard
Hughes. Nothing happened. . . .
Conscience is what makes men
tell wives and sweethearts some-
thing they'd find out later anyway.

ROCKY COOPER and dolt-
Maria, fly to Mexico momen-
tarily to spend the holidays
with Gary. Not a reconcilia-
tion but we'd bet there'll never
be a divorce here. If ony Bar-
bara Stanwyck and Bob Taylor
had taken as long as the Coopers
to "make up their minds"
about uniting, they'd be
back together now! . . .
The Gene Nelsons are having
a double celebration. Their
tenth wedding anniversary, and
his new job opposite Jane
Powell in "Three Sailors and
a Girl" at Warners. This lot
is getting many Metro players.
First Kathryn Grayson, then
Howard Keel for "Calamity
Jane" with Doris Day—and
now Janie. . . . Democracy
note: The Duchess of Windsor
is throwing a ball at N. Y.'s
Waldorf next month—for hos-
pitalized vets.



Dorothy Lamour

How's Your Mind?

THE ANSWER, QUICK!

1. Who was called the "Grand
Old Lady" of the movies?
2. On a business balance sheet
does "surplus" appear as asset
or liability?

FOLKS OF FAME—GUESS
THE NAME



1. Born in Paris France, on
March 28, 1895, of American par-
ents, he received his education
in France and the United States.
He has served as attache to the
American embassy in Berlin; spe-
cial assistant in the department
of state; as assistant to then sec-
retary of commerce, Herbert
Hoover, and as executive sec-
retary of the European Relief cou-
cil after World War I. He has
been an editor and has served in
the Massachusetts legislature. He
was a member of the Congress,
78th to the 82nd. He is now the
governor-elect of Massachusetts.
What is his name?

2. She began her career in
modeling, then turned to films
and to westerns, and has made
"Texans Never Cry," "Prairie
Roundup," "The Tougher They
Come" and "When the Redskins
Rode," and has some experience
on the stage. "Eight Iron Men"
is her latest release to date. Who
is she?
(Names at bottom of column)

IT HAPPENED TODAY

1800—Louis Pasteur, French bi-
ologist born. 1941—In World War
II, Japanese bombed Manila.
1945—Big Three foreign ministers,
Vichoslav Molotov, Russia;
Ernest Bevin, Great Britain, and
James Byrnes, United States, ad-
joined conference in Moscow
after agreeing on Atom Energy
Commission for United Nations.

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

DECREPIT — (de-KREP-it)
—adjective; broken down with
age; worn out. Synonym—weak.
Origin: Latin—Decrepitus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Today's birthday greetings go
to Louis Bromfield, author and
columnist; Oscar Levant, pianist;
Actress Marlene Dietrich; Sydney
Greenstreet, motion picture actor,
and Gov. Charles H. Russell of
Nevada.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1. The late May Robson.
2. A liability.

Pottstown Sketches



"Am I to assume that my services are no longer required by
this firm?"

ALL AROUND THE TOWN

Christmas Abroad...

With Pottstown Boys...

★ **SERVICE-ODDITIES**—Army Pfc.
John F. Fillman, grandson of Mr. and
Mrs. Joseph Christ, 539 West street, re-
cently graduated from the Second infan-
try division's non-commissioned officers
academy in Korea. The school is op-
erated to insure adequately trained re-
placements for personnel leaving the
unit on rotation. While in school men
are taught battle techniques by combat
veterans. Pvt. Fillman, an assistant
squad leader in Company E, Ninth in-
fantry regiment, entered the Army in
Feb. 1951. He previously was stationed
at Camp Atterbury, Ind., and joined the
Second division this past July. . . . Ralph
E. Stine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester E.
Stine Sr., 239 South Charlotte street, has
been promoted to sergeant while serving
with the Army in Austria. Sgt. Stine, a
rifle squad leader in headquarters com-
pany, arrived in Austria in May 1951.
He entered the Army in Nov. 1950. . . .
James C. Reid, radarman second class,
USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Ma-
chain, 434 Walnut street, has been as-
signed to the attack transport USS Oka-
nagan at San Diego, Calif., after a 9-
month tour in the Korean area.

★ **COLLEGE STUFF**—Alex Czarick
Jr., 39, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex
Czarick Sr., 248 Henry street, is
home from the University of Detroit, where
he is a sophomore. Remembered on
the local scene for his golfing feats at
Brookside Country club, Alex is a
pre-medical student at the Michigan
school. . . . George Kreps, son of Mr.
and Mrs. John A. Kreps, Pottstown
RD 1, is among 26 Iowa State college
agriculture students initiated in this
Fall into the Alpha Zeta, national
honorary agriculture fraternity. Kreps
is a Sophomore at Iowa State. . . .
Richard H. Schell, son of Mr.
and Mrs. Harvey P. Schell, Hereford,
a student at East Stroudsburg State
Teachers' college, was pledged to the
Delta Nu Chapter of Alpha Phi
Omega fraternity at an induction
ceremony prior to the Christmas
cess. Schell qualified for admission
to the fraternity by helping promote
a blood donor campaign sponsored
on the college campus.

★ **MAKES ADMIRAL'S STAFF**—Harold
Stevens Harvey, Seaman, USN, son of
Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Harvey, Linfield, has
been assigned duty on the staff of Ad-
miral Lynde D. McCormick, supreme
allied commander of the Atlantic head-
quarters, Norfolk, Va. The newly or-
ganized command includes men, ships
and planes from Canada, France, Nor-
way, Denmark, Portugal, the Nether-
lands, the United Kingdom and the
United States. Its ultimate goal is to
provide maximum defense with an in-
tegrated Navy under one commander.
Harvey was graduated from West Ches-
ter State Teachers' college with a bac-
elor of science degree in health and ed-
ucation. He entered the Navy on June
14, 1951, and received his recruit train-
ing at Bainbridge, Md. He is working
in the communications division of the
admiral's staff.

★ **SERVICEMEN IN ALABAMA**—
Six Pottstown area soldiers have ar-
rived in Camp Rucker, Ala., for ini-
tial Army training. They are: Clarence
O. Standhardt, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Albert Standhardt, Recheles-
ville RD 1; Frank R. Wilmyer, son
of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilmyer,
1463 Cherry lane; Stanley J. New-
rocki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius
Newrocki, 1263 Cherry street; Robert
L. Neiman, son of Mrs. Ellen Nei-
man, 460 Charlotte street; Earl R.
Decker, son of Mr. and Mrs. George
U. Decker, North Hanover street,
and Robert J. Moyer, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Charles B. Moyer, 514 North
Franklin street. All six are privates
in the Army and were inducted Nov.
25, and processed at Fort George G.
Meade, Md. They will receive basic
training from the 4th "Viking" in-
fantry division.

★ **FREE CHRISTMAS GIFTS**—Last call
to get free Christmas gifts. In the GIVE
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Read 'em: Mrs. John Zeigler, 24 West
Fifth street, will give away three pup-
ples. They're six weeks old—one of
them is black and the other two are
black and white. Mrs. Zeigler's phone
number is 2890-M. . . . Five-months-old
male kitten, child's pet, housebroken.
Walter Brown, 1214 North Franklin
street, phone 3390-J. . . . A 5 1/2-month-old
mixed breed pup—cocker spaniel and
rabbit hood—to anyone who can pro-
vide a good home. Owner, Robert E.
Yergew, Parkersford, may be contacted
by

Pottstown Portraits

A Quick Look at Your Neighbor

(This portrait of a Pottstown man and the Christmas he knew in Sweden is based on an article appearing in the December issue of *The Firestone News*, published by Firestone Tire and Rubber company and edited by Delaine E. Story. Supplemental material has been added.)

POTTSTONIANS who think Christmas is rushing at them, and will rush by them got some well-informed support from Bertil Hogstrom, 121 East Third street, 31-year-old Swedish-born engineer for Firestone Tire and Rubber company.

Bertil Hogstrom



whether they've been good.

"After this is answered, he distributes the presents to the people of the household, who sit in a big circle around him.

Hogstrom also mentioned that he misses the special Swedish dishes served only at Christmas there. A pig with a big, shiny red apple in its mouth is the center of the holiday meal, and the candle holders and other ornaments may be in the shape of pigs.

Other Christmas dishes include a big, round pan of bouillon in the kitchen, into which everybody dips bread, and Glogg, a drink made of red wine, almonds, cloves and raisins. It's served steaming hot from mugs.

The time-study engineer speaks English well (he started studying it in Swedish schools when he was 12). His knowledge of English was one reason he decided to come to America. A bigger reason, he said, was "I had a lot of American friends—good friends—who were connected with Firestone here."

Hogstrom had been a textile engineer in Sweden for Viskafors, a Firestone affiliate. When he stopped in Pottstown in May, 1950, "I was on my way to Akron, but when I stopped here I got a job right away, and I never reached Akron."

He's been married since the past July to the former Betty Spotts, a Pottstown girl. Hogstrom is planning to become a US citizen.

W. ELWOOD SCHMEARER, 123 East Third street, is the middle and best-known link in a continuing chain of musical Schmearers.

Chief time and motion study engineer for Doehler-Jarvis corporation, by which he's been employed since 1936, he is better known as a dance-music pianist. He's been pianist for Ken Nichols' orchestra for a quarter-century, and as such has probably supplied piano music for more Pottstonians than any living individual.

His father, the late William Elwood Schmearer, was musically-minded, too, having played cornet in the Pottstown band and in the old Citizens' band. Although the son has always used the name Elwood, older people often called him "Bill" in his youth because of confusion with his father.

This confusion ended eventually, but in the past few years, another type of confusion has sprung up.

Now it's the younger generation that is calling him "Bill", because of confusion with his son, William, who plays the piano with a youthful local group, "The Kings' Men." The son is a pupil at Pottstown Junior High school.



The father conceded that he was pleased and proud that his son was a pianist. He added: "A boy could get into some trouble through music, I suppose. But he could get into a darn sight more without it."

There's a fourth musical Schmearer, the former Carolyn Thomas, a Pottstown girl, who has been Mrs. Elwood Schmearer for nearly 28 years. She plays the piano, too, playing both classical and popular music (the father sticks pretty close to popular music).

The husband reported: "I wish I could play as well." Schmearer was born in Pottstown and lived here most of his life except for a brief period when he attended Chester High school, Delaware county, from which he was graduated.

He'd been encouraged by his father to play the violin (the son wanted to play the piano). He began studying violin under Professor H. E. K. Erb, colorful Pottstown musician, when he was 8. When he was 15, he switched to his first love and has been at it ever since (he'll be 50 on Jan. 18). After high school, he studied harmony and theory at a Philadelphia conservatory.

For four years, Schmearer was a fulltime professional musician. He played with a small group that included two men still in Pottstown, Gerald O'Dell and Lindley Strohl, and John Strouse, who later played with Paul Whiteman. Schmearer also went barnstorming through Pennsylvania's musically-minded anthracite region. Among the groups he played with there was the Dorsey Brothers orchestra. The brothers were, of course, Jimmy and Tommy.

When he became a married man, Schmearer relegated music to its place as a pleasant and profitable hobby. He did production-control work for Spicer Manufacturing division and Schuylkill Valley Mills, Spring City, before joining Doehler's.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmearer have two children, Bill and Nancy, wife of E. Jules O'Dell, 521 North Charlotte street. The father is a member of First Baptist church and of Pottstown Lodge 814, BPOE, and Brookside Country club.

Embezzlement Trial Set for Bank Men

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23 (AP)—Three former western Pennsylvania bank officials and a former deputy collector of internal revenue will go on trial in January on charges of embezzlement.

Harold E. Nesbitt, ex-president and cashier of the Homer City State bank, and Samuel P. Lewis, former assistant cashier at the First National Bank of Indiana, will be tried in Federal district court the week of Jan. 12.

Herbert E. Felton, former treasurer of the Federal Credit union of the Allegheny County Board of Assistance, and Frederick H. Altmeier, of New Kensington, former deputy tax collector, go on trial Jan. 5. Felton is charged with embezzling \$9650. Altmeier is accused of keeping \$4142 he obtained from taxpayers.

New Measures in Effect On State Superhighway

HARRISBURG, Dec. 23 (AP)—New measures went into effect yesterday on the Pennsylvania Turnpike to meet the challenge posed by the unsafe vehicle.

T. J. Evans, chairman of the Pennsylvania Turnpike commission, said all vehicles now entering the superhighway will be inspected to determine whether they are safe to travel.

"These turnpike employees, working in three shifts around the clock, are instructed to check all lights, especially those on the rear of a vehicle to see if they are in proper working order," Evans said.

MARKETS TO CLOSE

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—All domestic and foreign commodity and securities markets will be closed Christmas Day Dec. 25, and many will have abbreviated sessions Christmas Eve.

Know Your Mercury Carrier

Weather is the perennial enemy of newspaper carriers.

In the winter when chill winds bite through wads of uncomfortable clothing and snow, sleet and rain provide the earth with slippery coatings, the chores of a carrier become toughest.

But most boys who carry The Mercury enjoy their battle with the elements. It gives them good appetites and keeps them "on the ball" for other activities.

Richard Bechtel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard W. Bechtel, 103 East Race street, Stowe, likes his daily 2-hour routine made in a 1937 sedan.

BECAUSE OF the distance he must travel he has to use the car. He has been serving the paper with all the area's news since this past May.

Richard is a Senior at West Pottsgrove High school and this past Fall played in the backfield on the football team. His current activities include a varsity berth on the basketball squad.

A member of the academic section at the high school until this past week he has changed to the vocational course in order to "bone up" on mechanical drawing.

Mechanical drawing caught his interest a number of weeks ago and that's why he's changed to the vocational curriculum.

In sports he likes baseball and football. The Athletics and Pottstown's Bobby Shantz, tiny hurler for the Philadelphia club who has been voted the most valuable player for 1952 in the American League, are his favorites.

He was disappointed this past Sunday when the Los Angeles Rams were bulldozed 31 to 21 by the Detroit Lions.

DURING HIS spare time, which is limited, he watches television. Richard has one sister, Janet, 13, at home. His father is a pattern maker at the Stanley G. Flagg company, Stowe.

The East Race street carrier is a member of St. Peter's Lutheran church, Stowe.

He serves his papers on Gross-



RICHARD BECHTEL

town road from Route 422 to Glasgow, on 422 from the Flagg company to Grove's dairy, Race street from Grosstown road to Center street, Howard street from Race street to Jefferson street and Center street from Race street to Grosstown road.

He gets out of bed each morning at 4 o'clock. Two hours later he's ready for breakfast.

Candlelight Services To Have Choir of 35

A choir of more than 35 voices will sing at a Christmas Eve service of carols in St. Paul's Lutheran church, Amityville, tonight.

The Rev. Paul J. Dundore, pastor, will be in charge of the 11 p. m. observance, which will include a candlelight procession of the choir.

The choir will sing from the balcony of the church during an organ recital that will begin at 10:30 p. m.

In addition to the prelude and postlude, the carol service will include eight anthems by the choir. The music will be in charge of Katherine M. Bossler, church organist.

"And They Made Haste" will be the theme of a meditation by the pastor at the service.

Chapel to Present Community Sing

Pine Forge chapel, which for the past four years, has been maintained as a union Sunday school through the voluntary efforts of four Pine Forge women, will be the scene of a community sing Friday night at 7:30 p. m. for the benefit of a fund to fix the roof.

The four women are Mrs. William Mellinger, Mrs. Ellsworth Linsinbiger, Mrs. Emma Focht and Mrs. Anna Eachus. They are members of different denominations and have been supported by Pine Forge residents of all denominations.

The four women, who take turns cleaning the chapel to save janitorial costs, accepted an offer to run the chapel. The offer was made by J. Albert Whitacre, who owns the property.

The frame chapel, with single roof, was built nearly 50 years ago by James Bailey, original owner of Pine Iron Works. He built it as a community chapel.

WHEN THE iron works closed four years ago, Whitacre, its manager, made the offer. Union Sunday school classes are held each Sunday, with 15 to 20 persons, most of them children, attending.

Helping at the union services is the Rev. Cletus E. Naylor, pastor of Brethren in Christ church, Stowe.

The women, who have the financial responsibility for maintaining the chapel, have promoted cake sales and rummage sales to help keep the chapel going.

At Friday's carol sing, Mrs. John Fillman will play the piano. She will use an organ attachment she is loaning for the service.

Judge Figures Wife Entitled to Food or Cash

CHICAGO, Dec. 23 (AP)—The man who didn't come to dinner must pay the check, anyway.

For a while, Edward Petrocki, 42, took his estranged wife to dinner a couple of times a week in said Carol was entitled to either the food or the money.

stopped the dates. Yesterday, Circuit Judge Maurice Schultz ordered Petrocki to increase by \$25 his monthly allotment of \$140 he pays his wife, Carol, for separate maintenance. Judge Schultz figured the cost of the meals at \$25 monthly and said Carol was entitled to either the food or the money.

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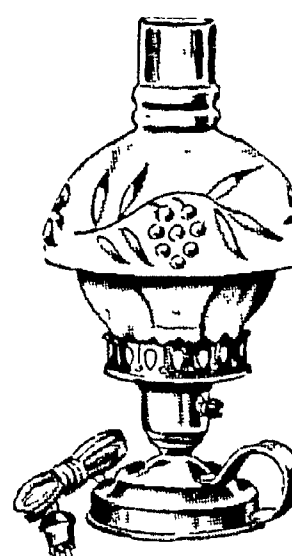
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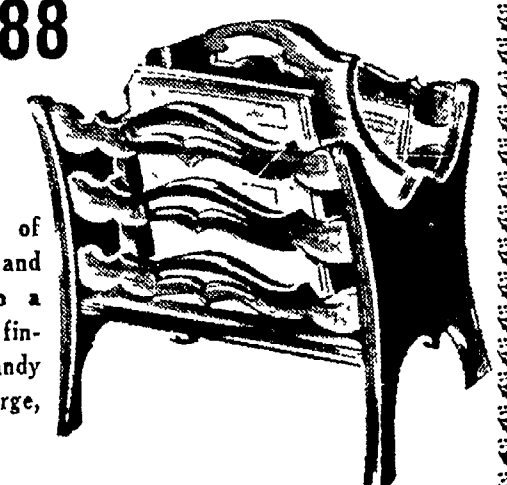


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— In West Pottsgrove School —

Grades Five and Six Study Meaning Of Symbols Used at Christmastime

Since the Fifth and Sixth grade pupils decided that each grade should have a Christmas tree in the room, there are two lovely trees which add to the other decorations done in art class.

It has been very interesting studying about the Christmas symbols and their meanings. We found that the candles go back to a festival of the early Romans who gave

them as gifts. The candles and their light represent "the light of the world."

The poinsettia is sometimes called "the flower of the Nativity." Its bright red flowers and green leaves make it a true Christmas flower. Holly represents the Christmas Spirit and is used in observance of any day in honor of Christ.

Mistletoe, we find is a parasite which grows in the top of trees in the South.

Kissing under the mistletoe is just an old country custom in England, but the plant itself formerly had had a symbolic meaning in the religious ceremonies of the ancient Druids.

Halls Are Decorated At West Pottsgrove

By FRANK GAMBINO

At West Pottsgrove High school, the hall in front of the office is decorated with two giant Christmas trees. They are covered with lights and tinsel.

On the bulletin board near the trees is a picture of an angel singing from a hymn book. This display was put on the bulletin board by the pupils of West Pottsgrove under the supervision of Miss Lieberman.

This is the first year that West Pottsgrove has had decorations in the hall.

As you walk up the hall, you can see how the doors are decorated in the rooms. The library has spruce branches with tinsel hanging on it. The Tenth grade door has red stockings filled with candy.

Third Court Upholds Bread Softener Ban

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23 (AP)—The third US circuit court of appeals today upheld a ban on the manufacture by the Atlas Powder company and Glyco Products company of a chemical used by bakers to keep bread softer for a longer while than usual.

The court, in an opinion by Judge William Hastie, upheld a May 22 ruling by the Federal Security administration which said the safety of the chemical used in the softening process was not established.

Atlas appealed the FSA ruling on the grounds that the same criteria were not applied to all emulsifiers. Judges Gerald McLaughlin and Harry E. Kalodner concurred in the opinion.

Judge Hastie, in his opinion, said the use of the chemicals misled consumers as to the age of the bread and he agreed with the FSA that the safety of the chemical had not been established. He wrote that the use of the chemical was new.

Atlas, Wilmington, Del., and Glyco, Inc., filed exceptions to the decision.

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Pottstown's Prides

Another in the series of beautiful homes that make Pottstown warm



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Small changes in the original building plans, and hard work after the house was finished, has brought this home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray M. Stauffer at 301 West King street rather close to their hearts' desire. The house was built nearly 12 years ago by John Barnes, Delaware county contractor. The house is on the northwest corner of West King street and Gable avenue and faces the latter. The breezeway which directly connects kitchen and garage is used as a Summer porch. The Stauffers replaced the paper originally on the

walls with paint. Antique green is the predominant color. Although he had no such previous experience, Stauffer, aided by his wife, planted and trimmed the shrubbery. Downstairs are the living room (at right); dining room (right), and behind it, the kitchen. Upstairs are two bedrooms and bath. Mrs. Stauffer chose dull-finished rather than glossy white paint for the outside woodwork. The house has a high, full basement. Stauffer is a diemaker for Doehler-Jarvis corporation.

Chinese Communist Battalion Attack Routed by Artillery After Fierce Fight

SEOUL, Wednesday, Dec. 24 (AP)—Allied artillery firing in roaring barrages chopped up a Chinese Communist battalion attack on the western front in the predawn hours of the day before Christmas.

But before the Allied big guns routed an estimated 750 Reds, UN troops and Communists fought a bloody, hand-to-hand action in the frozen bunker and trench outposts of T-Bone ridge.

"Reports from the division holding T-Bone ridge said our artillery almost completely destroyed the first wave of Chinese," an Eighth Army staff officer said.

The battle opened with an artillery and mortar duel at midnight. Three hours later the Chinese stormed the outlying approaches of T-Bone ridge and piled into the forward trenches and bunkers. There Allied troops fought the Reds hand-to-hand.

THE STAFF OFFICER said that, although the Chinese reached Allied positions, the UN troops were not overrun.

The UN command headquarters communique released in Tokyo said "fanatically charging enemy troops in estimated battalion strength tried to punch a hole in Allied lines on the western sector of the Korean front early today." It added:

"UN forces stood their ground and threw back the hostile charge after a sharp clash."

The attack was the biggest since the assault two weeks ago

on Big and Little Nori hills, also on the western front.

T-Bone hill lies northwest of Chorwon, the sector of some of the fiercest actions of 1952. It lies along the ancient invasion route to Seoul.

FOR DAYS, Chinese loudspeakers along the front have blared propaganda messages to Allied troops the Communists would be in Seoul by Christmas.

But there has been no sign of the huge troop movements and hot attacks in battalion and regiment size which would be required to test out defenses before such a major attack.

None took the boast seriously. Everyone thought it was another holiday propaganda stunt. The Reds made the same brag before Thanksgiving, and nothing happened.

An officer at the front said Chinese night patrols also were

scattering propaganda leaflets.

An MIG jet was dropped in a dog fight at 45,000 feet between four Sabres and eight MIGs in a brief clash near the Manchurian border.

The ground action was sharp but consisted of localized patrol and probe skirmishes.

Bethesda Home Lads Ask For Parents From Santa

MEADVILLE, Dec. 23 (AP)—Santa Claus can forget about sleds and bikes for 16 boys at the Bethesda home for children if he will just send them home parents.

The boys, 10 to 13 years of age, want "a good couple" to act as house parents at the Lutheran church home. In a telegram to the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph they told Santa:

"You can skip the sleds, bikes, games and trains this year. Just get some good husband and wife to apply for the job."

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Tax Inspector Wins Battle Against Dismissal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Dominick Vita, chief alcohol and tobacco tax inspector at Newark, N. J., was back at his job today after winning a 14-month fight against dismissal.

The internal revenue bureau claimed Vita received outside income from Nov. 1, 1943, to Dec. 1, 1944. The Civil Service commission, which reinstated Vita, said the charges were not substantiated.

NEW BERLINVILLE

Miranda Boyer, corr. Most News Agency del. Phone Boyertown 1-2311.

Zion's Evangelical United Brethren church. The Rev. Donald R. Repsher, pastor. Mrs. Enoch Rothmel, organist. Sunday school at 9 a. m. Wordship at 10:15 a. m. 7:30 p. m., New Year's candlelight service.

The Christmas program in Zion's Evangelical United Brethren church was fairly well attended because of weather conditions. The film of "Christopher Mouse" was greatly enjoyed.

On Sunday, Jan. 4, there will be a combined Sunday school and worship from 9 a. m. to 10:30 a. m. The order of service will be included in next Sunday's bulletin.

Abraham Nester, Green Lane, who recently observed his 99 birthday is visiting relatives and renewing acquaintances. Mr. Nester is the oldest member of the New Berlinville Fire company.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Henry left for Newport, R. I., where they will attend the graduation of their son, Lee Henry, on the 23d Battalion 20 C S, NTS. Lee will accompany his parents home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Renninger, Schwenksville, called on Mrs. Laura Henry and Mae Henry.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gilbert served Christmas dinner to their children. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Norman Moses and children, LaVerne and Dennis; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Yoder and children, Connie, Lynn and Barry.

Burdan Estate Is Awarded to Mother

By Staff Correspondent

NORRISTOWN, Dec. 23 —Judge J. Burnett Holland in Orphan's Court today awarded a balance of \$18,167 in the estate of S. Blanche Trout Burdan, Pottstown, who died the past Feb. 10, to Mrs. Charles Miller, mother.

In the estate of Mark K. Lederach, Lower Pottsgrove, who died June 30, 1948, a balance of \$4379 was awarded in trust for Alberta Studenroth.

The Salvation Army is final beneficiary of the principal.

Dog Precedes Subway, Drops Dead of Exhaustion

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP)—A confused black mongrel dog got onto the tracks of a subway line today. The motorman slowed his train to a crawl.

The frightened dog ran through the tunnel past 12 stations, a distance of five miles. At the 13th station the dog dropped dead from exhaustion.

James Beizer of Girard college, Philadelphia, is spending his vacation with his mother, Mrs. Emma Becker and sisters.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The most holy day of the year will soon be with us. In the hearts of men and women and children the age-old story of the Child who was born in a stable will come alive. Carols will ring out on the crisp winter air, trees sprinkled with gaily-colored lights and balls will shine in the dark night, gift packages will be stacked beneath the glowing tree, and once again men of goodwill will celebrate the Birthday of the Holy Son of God, the Saviour of the World, Jesus Christ.

It is important that carols and trees and gifts not be made the center of Christmas. For it is only as men gather in their churches, and lift their hearts in thanksgiving and worship to Almighty God that they truly commemorate His Great Gift to the world. No amount of the Christmas spirit, no feeling of happiness and joy can avail if men will not thank God for the purpose of Christmas Day. To feel thrilled by the sound of the age-old carols, to rejoice in one's family gathered around the Christmas tree, to feed upon delicious food, all these things in themselves are empty unless one in his own heart knows why these things are done.

Do you remember the shepherds? They left their sheep and went to find a Babe in a stable. Remember the Three Kings? They too left other things behind, and just to follow a Star. What of you? Grace Lutheran Church, West and Evans Streets, has arranged TWO services to commemorate this most holy day. ON CHRISTMAS EVE at MID-NIGHT we shall hold our Festival Service. It was at night that the angels came to the shepherds. It was at night that the heavens rang with the strains of GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST. It will be at night that we at Grace Church first give thanks to God for the birth of Christ.

ON CHRISTMAS DAY at 9:00 A. M. we shall observe the second service of Christmas, and it is fitting that at that time the SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR will be celebrated. What a joyous thought! The same Holy Child that lay on the manger bed some nineteen hundred years ago will once again return to earth, and hidden beneath the forms of Bread and Wine, He will give us Himself!

So whether you join with those who sing and pray at MIDNIGHT or whether we feed upon our Blessed Lord's Body and Blood on Christmas Day, all of us share in the happy privilege of joining the shepherds, the wise men, and all men of good-will who hasten to Bethlehem to adore the King of Kings!

Let this be your gift then to the Christ Child. All men of good-will attending a service. You have no excuse to be away from our Blessed Lord on His Birthday!

Remember our TWO Services:

AT MIDNIGHT — a service of carols, prayers, and the Preached Word.

AT 9:00 A. M. ON CHRISTMAS DAY — The Sacrament of the Altar.

The Pastor, Vestry, and People of Grace Church wish for you and your loved ones A MOST BLESSED AND JOYOUS CHRISTMAS DAY.

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Th. M., Pastor

Girls Are Practicing For Opening Game With Schwenksville

By JOAN EGOLF

Since the beginning of December the West Pottsgrove girls have been practicing basketball and they are just about ready for their opening game with Schwenksville on Jan. 6.

The returning lettermen are the following: Seniors—Molly Axsmith, Pearl Pota, and Marianne Hospador; Juniors—Joan Egolf and Peggy Edwards.

Others returning are: Marlene Lenhardt, Evelyn Gillis, Monica Hospador, Virginia Moore, Joy Wert, and Marie Plasco.

Girls who came out for the first time this year are Frances Bolden, Helen Abrams, Rita Tavares, Nancy Geyer, Lucille Tufani, Dorothy Reifsnnyder, Margaret Marable, Doris Derrick and Marion Carpenter.

Mrs. Kehler, the coach, is hoping for a very successful season.

Pupils Visited by Santa, Treated to Candy by PTA

By LORETTA HOBBS

The primary rooms are decorated with trimmed and lighted Christmas trees. We have stockings on the fireplace, candy canes, and pictures of Santa Claus.

After the movie on Tuesday each grade went back to its own room and had a Christmas party. Santa Claus visited us, and the PTA mothers gave candy to each child.

Church Schedules Christmas Pageant

"The Christmas Pageant" will be presented tonight at 7:45 o'clock in Brownback's Reformed church, the Rev. Elmer E. Fahringer, pastor.

It will be directed by Mrs. Wilmer Hahn.

The cast of characters include Wilmer Hahn as Isaiah; Irvin Bauer as Gabriel; Robt. Painter as Herod; Havar Eppelhauser as the chamberlain; Edgar Pfeiffer as Inn-keeper; Billy Keeley, Bobby Caldwell and Richie Bauer as the Shepherds; Wm. Copenhaver, Wm. Pfeiffer and Franklin Fahringer as the Wise Men; Earl Miller as Rabbi Hillel; Dorothy Shick as Virgin Mary and E. Fahringer as Joseph.

The reader is LeRoy Wheatley and the Angelic Choir includes Jean Graham, Patsy Miller, Joan Meeley, Annette Prizer, Polly Page, Barbara Caldwell and Nancy Berkey.

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Telephone Keeps Shopper Winner Busy Taking Calls

Mrs. Ellen N. Jameson, 1018 Queen street, was kept busy answering telephone calls from friends who saw her picture ringed in The Mercury yesterday.

The ringed photo winner was surprised to see her picture since she thought a woman near her was the target for The Mercury photographer. "It's the first time I ever had my picture in the paper and the first time I ever won any money," Mrs. Jameson said as she picked up her \$2.50 prize. The picture was taken in front of the New York store, 244 High street. She had just left the store where she had purchased Christmas gifts.

Mrs. Jameson is secretary for Edward T. Hall, headmaster at The Hill school. Her husband, Edward W., works in the white metal cleaning department at Doehler-Jarvis corporation.

Look for your picture in the ring today. This is your last chance to win the \$2.50 prize awarded by the Pottstown Mercantile bureau since this season's contest ends with the ringed photo published today.

150 Pack School Christmas Show

More than 150 adults packed the auditorium of Upper Pottsgrove school yesterday afternoon to watch the Christmas program staged by the 165 pupils of the six grades.

The program was presented in the morning for the children. Both programs were supervised by Mrs. Estella K. Rotz, music supervisor.

Today, the Upper Pottsgrove PTA will hold its annual Christmas party in the morning. This will be followed by an exchange of gifts in the home rooms. School will be dismissed at noon and won't resume until Jan. 5.

Last Call!



—Mercury Staff Photo

Gifts are not the only things which deplete the family finances during the Christmas holidays. The woman in the ringed photo has just done her shopping for food in a store in the borough's business district. She is the last winner in this season's ringed photo contest sponsored by the Pottstown Mercantile bureau. If you are the lucky lady, you must come in to The Mercury office today to redeem your prize of \$2.50. All you need do is identify yourself and name the place your picture was taken to claim the money.

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Lions Announce Driver's Roster For Coming Week

The weekly roster of drivers for the Boyertown Lions Community ambulance was announced last night by the central operator, Lucille Leinbach. The roster covers the period from Dec. 29 and including Jan. 4.

Individuals may not call any of the drivers on duty but must first call Miss Leinbach, phone 7-2500, who in turn will contact the drivers on duty.

The schedule is as follows:
MONDAY, Dec. 29, 8 a. m., Earl L. Davidheiser, (Elwood Roads); 12:01 p. m., Ernest Frey, (Lester L. Zern); 6 p. m., Henry Stetler, (Clarence Gabel).

TUESDAY, 12:01 a. m., Henry Miller, (Vincent Taggart); 6 a. m., Paul Webster, (Howard Williams); 12:01 p. m., Ard Barr, (Elwood Roads); 6 p. m., Henry Bauer, (Kenneth Spohn).

WEDNESDAY, 12:01 a. m., Lewis Mecherly, (Glenwood Fronheiser); 6 a. m., Lester L. Zern, (Earl L. Davidheiser); 12:01 p. m., Harold Roth, (Ernest Frey); 6 p. m., Ralph C. Horn, (Earl H. Keim).

THURSDAY, 12:01 a. m., Howard Reinhart, (Henry Bauer); 6 a. m., Elwood Roads, (Paul Webster); 12:01 p. m., Donald Clouser, (Ard Barr); 6 p. m., Raymond Endy, (Lewis Mecherly).

FRIDAY, 12:01 a. m., Harold Endy, (Henry Stetler); 6 a. m., Howard Williams, (Harold Roth); 12:01 p. m., the Rev. Harper L. Schneek, (Lester L. Zern); 6 p. m., Clarence Gabel, (Donald Clouser).

SATURDAY, 12:01 a. m., Russell Wallace, (Henry Miller); 6 a. m., Ralph C. Horn, (Howard Williams); 12:01 p. m., Kenneth Spohn, (Henry Bauer); 4 p. m., Earl H. Keim, (Ralph C. Horn and Kenneth Spohn).

SUNDAY, Jan. 4, 12:01 a. m., Glenwood Fronheiser, (Russell Wallace and Harold Endy); 2 p. m., to 8 a. m., Monday, Harold Roth, (Lester L. Zern and Vincent Taggart).

Local Concerns Fete Workers' Children

The past Saturday afternoon, children up to 14 years of age, whose parents are employees of either the Fashion Hosiery Mills, incorporated, or the Union Manufacturing company, Boyertown, enjoyed a Christmas party held in Odd Fellows hall, East Philadelphia avenue, Boyertown.

Of a total of 112 children eligible, 92 were present. The youngest was two-months-old. They received addressed Christmas gifts and party favors from Santa Claus. Refreshments were served.

Entertainment was several reels of Christmas movies and colored cartoons. Approximately 60 parents attended.

Girl Collects \$12,600 From Future Husband

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 23 (AP)—A 19-year-old girl plans to marry soon a man from whom she won \$12,600 damages for a road accident.

She was a passenger in his car when it overturned. Her injuries were a fractured skull and a scalp wound which caused the loss of part of her left ear, leaving her with a permanent scar. She admitted under cross-examination that she became engaged after the accident.

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I want to take this opportunity of thanking the Citizens of Boyertown for their fine cooperation in every endeavor during the past year, and during the trying months ahead, and may we continue in that Spirit. Wishing you all—A Very Merry Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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Boyertown Children to Be Feted At Community Christmas Parties

The annual Christmas party for children of the community will be held today at 1 p. m., in the State theater, North Reading avenue, Boyertown.

The event, which is sponsored annually by the Community Activities fund of the Boyertown Businessmen's association, will feature a movie for the children. At the conclusion of the showing, each child will receive a gift.

Many Christmas parties for children of the Community and surrounding areas will be conducted tomorrow morning.

The Friendship Hook and Ladder company and the Keystone Fire company, Boyertown, will hold parties for member's children from 9 a. m., to 12 noon. The parties are for children up to 14 years of age.

Hosiery Mill Employees Entertained at Party

Employees and guests of the Fashion Hosiery Mills, incorporated, were served a full course turkey dinner country style at Boyertown inn.

More than 100 persons attended. Special entertainment was provided and the group sang carols. Each person was presented with a party favor. The employees received a cash gift varying with years of service.

Secretary-treasurer of the company, Paul B. Harner reported that the firm has ordered four new Textile Machine Works 66 gauge machines and delivery on them is expected to begin in May.

The Fraternal Order of Orioles.

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SANTA dashes with joy out to the Reindeer Corral and lifts Eski high into the air. "Thanks, Little Eski," says Santa, "for bringing my reindeer back! Now I can deliver the gifts for all good children in the world."



ESKI'S REWARD is to make the Big Trip with Santa. So tonight when Santa comes down your chimney to bring your gifts guess who will be holding his sturdy steeds for him? That's right, Eski! (The End)

By WILLIAM RITT

Union Manufacturing Company Gives Employees Christmas Dinner Party

More than 100 persons attended a Christmas party, sponsored by the Union Manufacturing company at the Boyer Towne inn. A full course turkey dinner was served country style.

Entertainment was provided by a Reading entertainment bureau. It included professor Schnitzel and a musical act.

A short report was given by Paul B. Harner, secretary, at which time he mentioned that of 75 employees, 72 have been with the firm over six months and are covered by a health and accident plan. He pointed out that the pension plan will be continued for the tenth year and that a new high has been reached in participation.

For the year 1953, according to Harner, the company will be paying pension premiums on 45 of its 75 employees.

The Rev. Franklin D. Shifer, Top-ton, was the guest speaker. He gave a Christmas message on "Incongruities." It was interspersed with humor.

AT THE END of the party, employees surprised John Z. Harner, president, and Paul B. Harner, secretary, with Christmas gifts.

The workers chose Harvey Shanely, a 25-year employee, to make the presentation.

Each person was presented with a party favor. The employees received cash gifts varying with years of service.

Refreshments were served to the following: Mrs. Irma Butler, Mrs. Edith Seal, Mrs. Nora James, Mrs. Margaret Potts, Mrs. John Sandiford, Mrs. Chester Houck, Estella James, Mrs. Miriam Bond, Mrs. Ora Slider, Mrs. Estella Phillips Fanny Guest, Mrs. Elroy Wynn, Mrs. Annie Swartzentruber, Mrs. Lorraine McAfee and Mrs. Miriam Feiler.

The regular monthly meeting of the Union township PTA was held in the Monocacy school building. A Christmas program was given by the Fifth and Sixth grades of the school.

Mrs. James Hoffman and Mrs. William Teyes were the guests of Mrs. William McCrudden.

Nancy Herman, a student at East Stroudsburg college, will be home on a visit during the Christmas holidays.

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The Pennsburg quartet composed of Susan Blank and Patsy Ritz, sopranos, and Martha Miller and Jane Landis, altos, accompanied at the piano by Phyllis Brey sang several Christmas carols at the Pennsburg Evangelical Reformed Sunday school. Recently they also sang at Rotary Lions club, Perkiomen Youth center and Upper Perkiomen High schools. All are high school students.

There will be a Christmas candlelight service by the Junior and Senior choirs, directed by Mrs. J. Frank Baker in the Pennsburg Evangelical Reformed church on Christmas eve at 7:30 o'clock. Beginning at 7 p. m. Christmas instrumental music will be featured.

In St. Mark's Lutheran church candlelight services are scheduled for Christmas eve at 11 p. m.

The pageant, "Joybells of Christmas," was presented in Pennsburg Evangelical Reformed church.

Donald Wood left on Wednesday for Tucson, Ariz., to spend three weeks with his wife and sons, Donald and Terry, who will be in Tucson until the end of the school term.

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Daniel Lick, US Army, returned by plane from Germany to visit his mother, Mrs. Virgie Lick.

The Pennsburg Girl Scouts under the direction of Mrs. Richard Landis and Mrs. Claude Hallman were Christmas caroling in town on Tuesday evening.

Willard Garges stationed with the Army in Massachusetts recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Garges.

Servants in St. Marks Lutheran and Pennsburg Evangelical Reformed churches are scheduled for Sunday at 10 a. m. Sunday School in both churches at 9 a. m.

Eleanor Steltz and Leonard Albitz will be united in marriage in the Sassamansville Evangelical Reformed church Saturday at 3 p. m.

The pageant, "Songs Over the World," was presented in the Sassamansville Reformed church.

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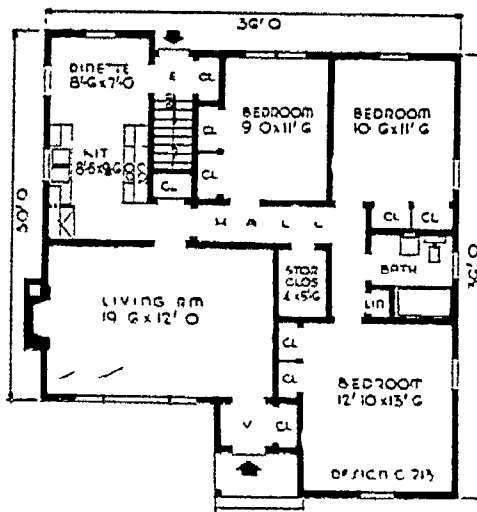
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St. Paul's Sunday School Christmas program will be held on Christmas day at 7:15 p. m. in the church.

The Young Women's circle donated \$5 to each of the homes. The Tipton orphans home, Good Shepherd home in Allentown and the Germantown home in Philadelphia.

Paul Schoenly made and donated the wooden candle holder for the advent wreath in the rain room of the Sunday School and also in the Junior room.

The congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran church elected Abner Leister and James L. Wood Jr. as elders, and Owen Schwartz as deacon for a period of 4 years.

The altar flowers in St. Paul's church were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Sell as a Memorial to a daughter who died in infancy. The bulletin was donated by the

Young Women's circle. A Christmas party was held at the home of Mrs. Mary Huntzinger for the members of the Kings Daughters Bible class. Mrs. Huntzinger and Mr. Forrest J. Henry are the teachers.

The auxiliary of the Red Hill Fire company was very well attended at its covered dish lunch held at the Fire hall. They now have 275 members. A special attraction party will be held by the auxiliary on Friday evening, Jan. 30 for the benefit of the march of dimes, members are urged to donate prizes.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Landis and children Spruce and Lenell, Boyertown, Mr. and Mrs. William Hille-gass and Verna Albitz, East Greenville, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Albitz, Main street.

Mrs. Sevmon Gordon Main street, spent a day in Philadelphia. Mrs. Alice Beltz Schwenksville, called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Richard Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fryer, Main

street, spent a few days with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Fryer, Secane.

Mrs. Frank Fryer, Main street, was on a shopping trip in Allentown.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Burkholder, Boyertown, called on Mr. Burkholder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burkholder, Main street.

Mrs. Allison Hallman, Tamaqua, called on Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burkholder Main street.

Stevie Sell son of Mr. and Mrs. George Sell, Main street is on the sick list.

Mark Oelschlager, nine months son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Oelschlager, Main street, returned home from Children's hospital, Philadelphia, where he was a surgical patient for a week.

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The Christmas meeting of the Ladies' auxiliary of the Ridge Fire company, held at the fire house at Ridgeville, was attended by about thirty members and an exchange of gifts was a feature of the evening.

Refreshments of ice cream cookies and nuts were served at gaily decorated tables. The hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Charles Hbach, Mrs. Earl Weaver Jr. and Mrs. John Weaver.

During the business meeting a donation of \$10 was voted to the Second Alarmers, an organization which has helped in the fire fighting on many instances during years past.

Den 1 of Cub Pack 49 of Kimber-ton and vicinity held a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Merrill F. Hiltbeitel, Schuylkill and Ridge roads. Mrs. John Griffith is also a den mother. Carols were sung, gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served including a homemade cake provided by Mrs. Clarence Opperman.

Two birthdays were observed during the session, that of Edgar Opperman who was 10 years old, and Stas Czacki, who also was ten. A play "Don't Tell Me It's Christmas" was a feature of the holiday program given at Soney Run school, East Vincent township. All children took part in the play which was directed by Mrs. Willard Youngblood, teacher of the school. Aside from speaking parts

there were numerous vocal solos and chorus numbers including the traditional Carols as well as the popular Christmas songs.

During a visit from Santa Claus, gifts were received by the children and the teacher. The room was decorated with a lighted Christmas tree, and an arrangement of streamers from which fell snowflakes made by the children. A border of snowmen on the blackboard, painted windows, a border of miniature trees and murals were all the work of the children. The schoolroom was filled to capacity with parents and friends of the children.

Altar flowers at Brownhack's Evangelical and Reformed church were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eppehimer.

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grim became the parents of a daughter in the Allentown hospital.

Christine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Henry, who was a patient in the Sacred Heart hospital, Allentown, for ten days returned to the home of her parents

much improved.

The Bally Lions club will sponsor a Christmas party on Christmas eve at the Town Hall. Santa Claus will be there from 7 p. m. to 7:30 p. m. at which time he will give presents to the children in the community. The Bally Gospel Gleamers will sing Christmas carols.

The Rev. Elias Kulp is one of the instructors at the Millwood Winter Bible school, Gap, Dec. 29

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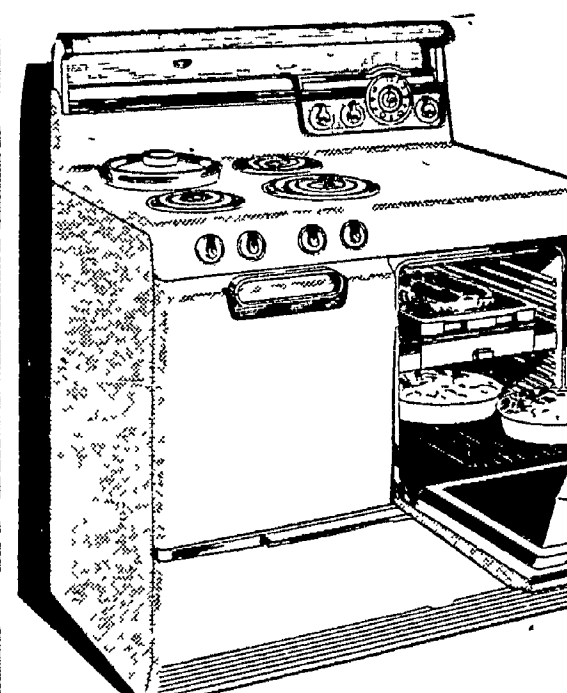
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Royersford High Presents Holiday Assembly Program Before Dismissal

A Christmas assembly program was presented by Royersford high school pupils yesterday afternoon before school was dismissed for the holidays.

Arranged by Alice A. Schimpf, supervisor of music, it began with a processional, "Ave Maria," with Jane Mowrey as soloist.

In the processional group were Joanne Overdorf, Gwen Weikel, Elaine Grime, Barbara Pennypacker, Doty Bauer, Laura Wade, Martha and Margie Garber and Nancy West.

James Slawicki read the Christmas story. It was followed by a selection from a brass sextette composed of Robert Albright, Tad Tyson, Robert B. Ush, Jeanette Deery, David Undercoffler and

Robert Schad.

THE JUNIOR HIGH chorus sang "Here We Come a Caroling," "We Three Kings" and "Christmas Hymns," accompanied by Jane Heiser.

The Choral club gave "Invocation," "The Sleigh" and "The Birth of a King," with solos by Tad Tyson and Nick Dinnoconti. Jane Mowrey played the accompaniment.

Martha Garber gave "Cantique de Noel" and Nancy West sang a novelty solo, "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus."

The student body participated in carol singing. Dr. O. C. Kuntzleman welcomed the group with greetings for the holiday season.

Local Crash Victim Expects Second Christmas Present

The Spring City youth who narrowly escaped death Monday afternoon when the convertible he was driving crashed on Route 83 expects a second Christmas present today.

George Long, 16, of 356 King street, Spring City, was admitted to Phoenixville hospital with burns of the knee and head after the convertible was demolished near Parkerford.

A hospital spokesman in last night reported, "He's in very good condition and I believe he will be discharged tomorrow. A final medical check will be made before discharge."

Long told Trooper Joseph Bensch, Paoli State police, after the accident, the car went out of control because of a "faulty steering" mechanism.

POLICE INDICATED Monday night a continued check into the cause of the accident would be made.

A spokesman at the Paoli barracks last night said, "Evidently the cause of the accident was faulty steering."

The 1941 coupe, owned by Kenneth Yeager, 216 S and K street, Spring City, was towed to a Parkerford garage.

Twin-Boro Classified

Deaths
SCHNELL—In Haddonfield, N. J., on Sunday, Dec. 21, 1952, Lily H. Schnell, widow of the late Henry Schnell, aged 84 years. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral at the Nelson Funeral Home Inc., 361 Walnut St., Royersford, on Friday at 2:30 p. m. Interment East Vincent cemetery.

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Area Churches Slate Christmas Eve Rites And Carol Singing

Christmas Eve services will be conducted in a number of Twin-Borough churches tonight.

Royersford Grace Lutheran church will present the Nativity story in art and music with a candlelighting service beginning at 11:30 p. m.

Royersford Evangelical and Reformed church will hold a candlelight service at 11:30 o'clock.

A group from Royersford Methodist church will go caroling to night at 9 o'clock. A service will be conducted tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock with a cantata by candlelight.

Royersford Mennonite Brethren in Christ church will begin worship at midnight, continuing until 2 a. m., followed by caroling.

The annual Christmas candlelight service will be conducted in Spring City Lutheran church beginning at 11 p. m., including a cantata by the choir, "The Christ Child."

Christmas music will be amplified from the tower of Spring City Evangelical and Reformed church at 10:30 o'clock tonight, followed by a Christmas eve service of music and candlelighting service at 11 o'clock.

Spring City Methodist church will hold a service of music and carols tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Zion Lutheran church, near Spring City, will observe Choral Communion and Blessing of the Cerec tonight at 11:30 o'clock. The Holy Communion will be administered tomorrow morning at 8:30 a. m.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner and Mrs. Wagner's mother, Mrs. Florence Simmerman, 320 Spring street, Royersford; Mrs. Mabel Mowrey, Virginia Mowrey and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McGinty, Philadelphia, are spending the holidays visiting Col. and Mrs. Harry J. Lutz, Norfolk, Va.

Hospital Notes

Theodore Urner and George Tyson, Spring City, were discharged from Phoenixville hospital.

Births

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bilski, Royersford, in Phoenixville hospital Monday.

The silk worm moth produces only one generation a year in countries with marked seasons.

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There will be a turkey on every table of idle Neapco Products company employees tomorrow. Live turkeys were distributed to 120 Neapco workers from the idle plant, South and Cross streets, yesterday afternoon by President Earl E. Noecker, Local 2479, United Steel Workers (CIO). Turkeys were contributed by all the unions of Pottstown. Workers have been idle since this past Dec. 1 when picket lines were established at the plant. A sign was erected outside the CIO bus across from the idle plant which read, "Free, a Christmas turkey for each union member. Merry Christmas. Happy New Year." Turkeys were purchased from Laurel Locks farm, Pottstown RD 1.

Two-Car Collision Injures Woman

One woman was injured last night at 11:10 o'clock in a two-car accident at South and Evans streets.

Grace E. Wells, Pottstown RD 2, was taken to Pottstown hospital dispensary by Good Will ambulance and treated for a cut nose and bruise on her scalp.

She was driving north on Evans street and slowed down at the intersection when her car was hit by another and pushed against a telephone pole, she reported to investigating officers, Motor Patrolmen Paul I. Galloway and Stanley Borowy.

Agnes Kellam, Pottstown RD 3, told police she was driving east on South street when her car struck the rear of the other vehicle. The front of her car was smashed and the left side and front of the other auto were damaged.

Inflation Spares Not Yule — Even Santa's Call Costs

LAKEWOOD, Calif., Dec. 23 (AP)—Santa Claus flew in by helicopter the other day, to entertain the local youngsters. His expenses were underwritten by a group of businessmen.

Don Rochlen, who helped set up the visit, had a special problem. His son was ill, and would Santa mind stopping by Rochlen's house for a moment? Santa consented. Young Rochlen was duly impressed.

Today the bill came in. In addition to the regular charge in this notation:

"One house call—\$6."

Hit-and-Run Drifter Smashes Into Auto

Bumper guards and a grill were damaged in a hit-and-run accident at South Keim street and the Pennsylvania railroad late yesterday afternoon.

Frederick K. Riegner, 273 North Hanover street, reported the bumper guards and grill of his coupe were damaged when a car drifted backward into his coupe.

Riegner told Desk Sgt. Irvin K. Frederick at borough hall he had stopped about three feet in back of a car owned by G. H. and J.

Hartman, 133 Wilson street, Pottstown RD 3. He said the auto drifted into his car, the driver got out, failed to identify himself and then drove away.

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Billy Graham Speaks To Soldiers at Front

SEOUL, Wednesday, Dec. 24 (AP)—Evangelist Billy Graham plans to spend Christmas eve on the Central front after holding services for nearly 5000 fighting men on the Eastern and Western fronts yesterday.

Graham flew to both ends of the bleak, frozen, 155-mile, battlefield and told audiences of intent, quiet US soldiers:

"You are not forgotten. Millions of Americans are praying for you. Millions of Americans know that you are fighting for the freedom of the world."

Toothless Four-Year-Old To Get Christmas Plate

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 23 (AP)—All he wanted for Christmas was his new false teeth. And now four-year-old Kenneth Sipe, Springfield, has them. Now he expects to chew turkey for his yule dinner.

The lad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sipe, lost all his "baby" teeth the past June. First he hoped to have a special set of dentures by his fourth birthday in October.

Then he looked forward to Thanksgiving and a drumstick, but was disappointed.

On Dec. 8, experts at Ohio State university's dental college fitted Kenneth with a special set of teeth. Now he's ready for that Christmas feast.

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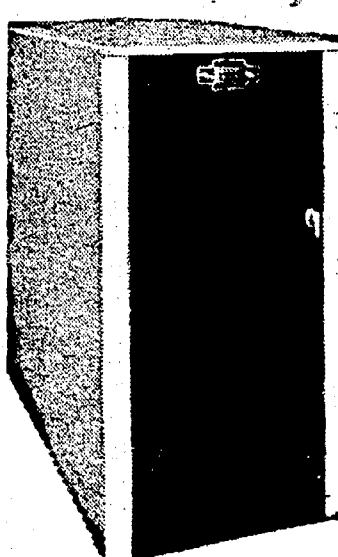
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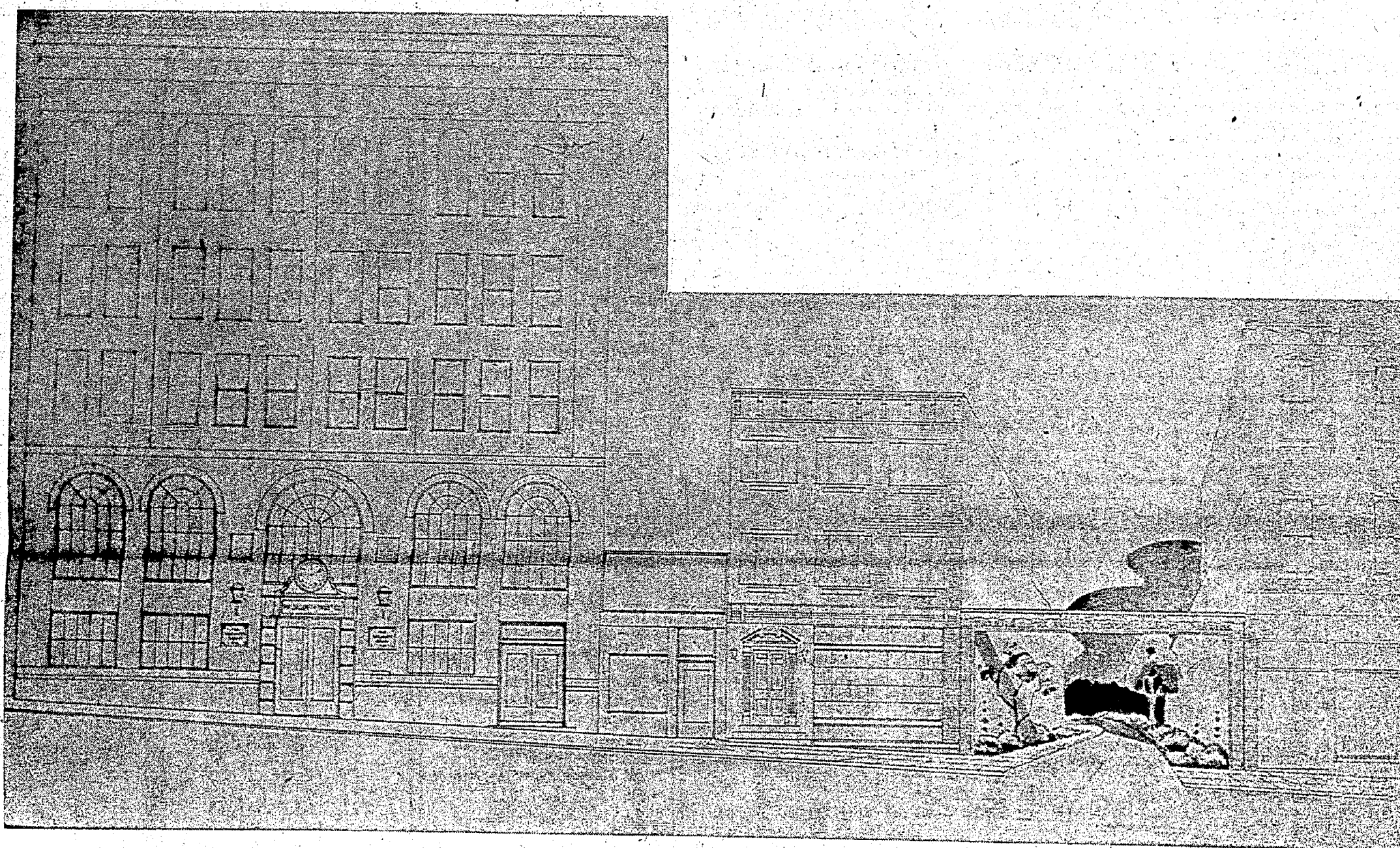
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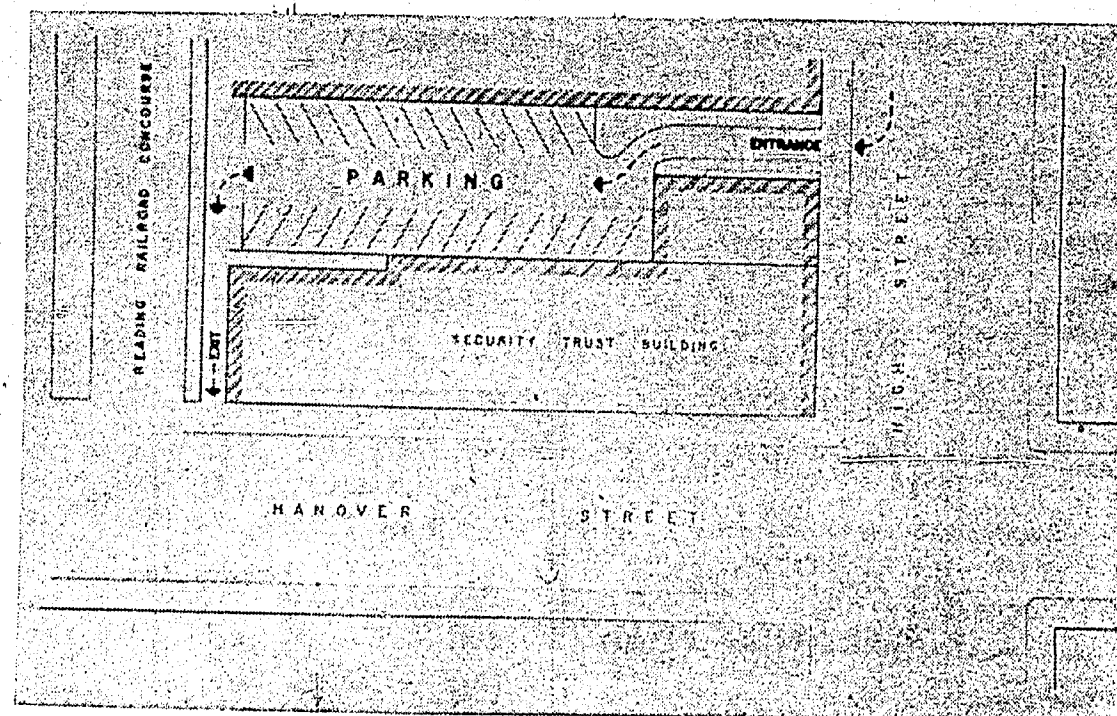
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The parking area, protected by metal fence enclosure, has a capacity of 26 automobiles. Parking will be limited to one-half hour per bank visit. As the diagram at right indicates, entrance will be made from High street, just west of the bank house. Exit will be by a driveway paralleling the Reading Railroad concourse, onto South Hanover street. As in the past, the only entrance to the bank proper will be that at High & Hanover streets.

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STATE AFFAIRSGOP Leaders Discuss
Reorganization of
Government

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—President-Elect Eisenhower and former President Hoover conferred today on government reorganization and other state affairs—"past, present and future."

Neither the next Republican President nor the last previous GOP holder of the office revealed any details.

Both were smiling broadly after they lunched in the home of John Foster Dulles, secretary of state designate, which also was the meeting place recently of Eisenhower and Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Eisenhower told newsmen outside the east 91st street residence: "It was just a social gathering at which we had the opportunity to talk over a number of affairs of government, past, present and future—to my great benefit, I hope."

TO A QUESTION whether the talk had touched on reorganization of the executive branch, Eisenhower said it had. Then he added: "And many other matters."

There was no hint whether the "other matters" included foreign affairs.

Hoover has advocated what is sometimes called a "Gibraltar" theory of defense—concentration upon air and naval forces with a minimum of American troops overseas.

He also has proposed restrictions upon military aid to overseas nations, except as the nations show a willingness to join in combatting Communism.

The meeting between Eisenhower and Hoover was the first that Eisenhower's staff could recall immediately—at least within recent years.

Both attended the GOP National convention at Chicago the past July, but were not believed to have met then, nor since, until today.

Hoover addressed the convention and the views he expressed generally were regarded by the delegates as nearer to those of Sen. Robert A. Taft's than to those of Eisenhower.

Hoover called for a mighty Air Force in his convention speech and hit at one of Eisenhower's key endeavors—the Western European defense force.

But he mentioned neither of the rivals for the nomination by name.

Employees Surprise Their Boss



Carson C. Potter, owner of the Lincoln Underwear mills, Water and Evans streets, is seen cutting the birthday cake with which his 125 employees surprised him at the company's annual Christmas dinner yesterday. Carson, who celebrates his birthday Christmas

Day, also was serenaded with a special recording of "Happy Birthday, Mr. Potter." Mrs. Potter is seen seated at the table surrounded by employees. (Story on Page 1).

Teen-Age Marine Sets Off Grenade
In Bar, Injures 14; Killed by Police

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—A Marine sergeant on a Christmas leave spree set off a phosphorus grenade today in a tavern filled with Puerto Ricans, caused injuries to 14 persons, and was shot dead by police.

His two drinking companions—a sailor and an airman—were arrested.

Police said Sgt. James Eugene McDermott, 19, remarked as he pulled the grenade's firing pin: "I'll show those spics something."

("Spic" is a derogatory term sometimes applied to persons of Spanish origin.)

The blast silenced Christmas season jollity in Harlem's Royal Flush tavern, blew out the tavern windows and caused near panic in the neighborhood. The area is populated largely by Puerto Ricans and Negroes.

POLICE CHASED the three servicemen nine blocks. They said Patrolman Vincent Beckels shot McDermott when the Marine turned and wounded him with a five-inch knife.

McDermott's companions, Mark Sutter, 19, from Wolters Air Force

McGranery Orders
FBI to Investigate
Waterfront Rackets

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Attorney General James P. McGranery late today ordered the FBI to make a full-scale investigation of racketeering on the New York waterfront.

The New York State Crime commission has been inquiring into New York harbor conditions, involving union and public officials, for many weeks.

The investigation has brought sworn testimony about a reign of terror and gangsterism in the dock area.

McGranery issued this statement: "The Department of Justice which has been watching the New York waterfront situation for months, now has sufficient evidence of Federal law violation to warrant a full-scale investigation."

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL said he was directing the FBI to undertake the further Federal inquiry immediately.

Justice department officials declined to elaborate on the reference to evidence of Federal law violations, or to pinpoint statutes under which Federal action might be taken.

PEDESTRIAN KILLED
IRWIN, Dec. 23 (AP)—An auto killed John Gianos of Pittsburgh tonight as he walked along the Lincoln highway a mile west of Irwin.

Two Planes Collide;
14 Aboard Are Killed

SEOUL, Dec. 23 (AP)—A small plane taking off from a Korean air base collided Monday with a taxiing transport carrying hospital patients, killing all 14 aboard the two aircraft, the Air Force said tonight.

The two-engine air evacuation transport plane was manned by a Greek crew. The Greek pilot was the only one to be brought alive from the wreckage. He died later in a hospital near Seoul.

The victims, in addition to the Greek pilot, were six hospital patients, three Greek crewmen, two Air Force flight nurses, an American Air Force medical corpsman and the pilot of the small plane.

The Air Force withheld the names of the victims, nor was the nationality of the patients disclosed. The Air Force also withheld the type of small plane involved, saying only that it had a single engine.

The Air Force said the hospital plane had just picked up a patient and was moving out preparing to take off when the collision occurred.

A team of officers from the Fifth Air Force is investigating the crash.

Plane Grounding
Not Warranted

MOSES LAKE, Wash., Dec. 23 (AP)—An Air Force inquiry into the C-124 crash here that claimed 87 lives has failed to disclose any evidence to warrant grounding the "five-room house" transports.

The Air Force, in a report issued in Washington, D. C., said the preliminary probe failed to disclose the cause of Saturday's worst crash in aviation history. Some critics had suggested grounding the C-124's.

The report lauded the performance record of the massive transports and the proficiency of the men who fly them.

The report coincided with the 87th death and memorial services here for the victims. Catholic and Protestant memorial services were held in the Larson Air base theater while the flag of the 62nd Troop Carrier wing flew at half-staff.

French President
Is Trying to Locate
Another Premier

PARIS, Dec. 23 (AP)—President Vincent Auriol was back at a familiar job tonight—trying to find a new premier for France.

It was the third time this year and the 18th time since the war that the president of the Republic has been called on to perform his Constitutional task of picking a man commanding even a precarious majority in Parliament so as to give the country a government.

Antoine Pinay, the conservative little leather merchant from St. Chamond, was out. He had given the nation nine months of relative stability before being brought down by converging attacks from right and left and the defection of a part of his coalition majority.

It took 415 francs to buy a dollar today on the black market, though 390 were enough during most of Pinay's "save-the-franc" administration.

THERE WAS an increased demand for foreign stocks as businessmen, big and small, recalled Pinay's warning that a Government crisis would be followed by financial trouble.

Pinay resigned early this morning when Foreign Minister Robert Schuman's Catholic Republican party (MRP) decided to abstain on the first of three confidence votes in connection with Pinay's 1953 budget.

For 15 hours, Auriol refused to take back his portfolio. It was only this evening that he finally abandoned hope of bringing the warring sections of the majority together and persuading Pinay to stay on.

NEW ACT TO BAR
CREWMEN FROM
SHORE LEAVESFrench Liner Liberte
To Be First Affected
By New Law

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—The first direct application of the new McCarran-Walter Immigration act will bar more than one-fourth of the crew of the French liner Liberte from shore leave when the vessel docks in New York tomorrow, the Justice department disclosed today.

The development, pointing up the sharp tightening of rules for immigration and naturalization which go into effect one minute after midnight tonight, promises to furnish ammunition for both sides in an expected Congressional battle over revision of the law.

A provision of the act which attracted little attention during the long fight over the bill in Congress, is involved in the Liberte case.

It requires close screening of crewmen as to their political affiliations, any criminal records and other such matters before they may come ashore while a ship is in port. It was aimed principally at helping to keep out Communists and discourage espionage activity.

SHIPPING INTERESTS abroad entered protests against the rules, pointing out that in the case of a big ship with hundreds in the crew and a quick turn-around schedule it would be almost impossible to do the questioning at the dock before the vessel was ready to go again.

In an effort to meet part of those objections, the Immigration service tried an experiment with the Liberte. An immigration inspector sailed from New York with her and since the turn-around in France he has been doing the screening before the Liberte docks. She will be the first transatlantic liner in under the new immigration law.

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Budenz Says Men
Of Foundations Were
Communist Members

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Former Communist leader Louis Budenz testified under oath today that Dr. Linus Pauling, atomic scientist, and at least 29 others connected with the nation's richest educational foundations have been members of the Communist party.

Many of those cited by Budenz are distinguished savants, writers, lawyers and educators. Several have held high-level Government posts.

Quick and emphatic denials came from many of those accused by Budenz.

Testifying before a special House Inquiry committee, Budenz, who broke with the Communist party in 1945, said the party had a special subcommittee on foundations operating as part of an over-all commission designed to infiltrate all social fields, including the press and schools.

He swore he knew, either from personal knowledge or from official Communist party records, that the persons he listed were once members of the party.

IN ADDITION to Dr. Pauling, those listed by Budenz as former Reds included Frederick Vanderbilt Field, reputed multi-millionaire "angel" of Communist fronts; Hanns Eisler, former Hollywood composer; John K. Fairbank, and Dr. Walter Gellhorn of Columbia university.

Nn New York, officials of the Guggenheim foundation said Dr. Pauling, now teaching at the California Institute of Technology, has sworn that he is not and never has been a Communist. He is a member of the Foundation's advisory board.

Dr. Pauling is listed in "Who's Who in America" as a member of the board of trustees of the Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists.

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Sixteen Perish in Frenzied Efforts
To Reach Shore from Wrecked Ship

BEIRUT, Lebanon, Dec. 23 (AP)—Skillful Lebanese boatmen removed the last of the passengers and crew of the wrecked French liner Champollion today after 16 or more had perished in frenzied attempts to fight their way to shore through raging surf.

Some died in leaps into the sea after hours of horror aboard the listing, broken hulk of the 12,546-ton vessel and others were lost in the capsizing of a lifeboat before the rescue operations started to click.

Exactly how many died may not be known for days. But 16 bodies, broken by the offshore rocks and stained by fuel oil from the liner's ripped tanks, have been recovered. Observers on the beach estimated 30 were killed—10 from the overturned lifeboat and 20 among the swimmers.

Harbor craft and surf boats co-operated in the rescue.

A BEIRUT motor launch made the final trip at 5 p. m. to the Champollion, which snapped in two behind her single stack after gales grounded her. She broke on sand and rock four miles south of this city at 2 a. m. Monday with 328 persons aboard—many Christmas pilgrims to the Holy Land.

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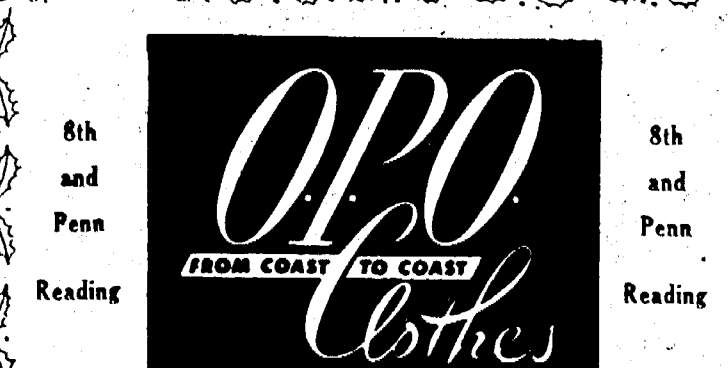
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NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE

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Harry Eberts' Son Claims Southern Bride in Virginia Marriage Rites

Harry Kurtz Ebert Jr., formerly of Chester Springs, claimed a Southern girl as his bride Saturday at a Virginia ceremony.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kurtz Ebert, Chester Springs, the groom has been making his home at Blacksburg, Va.

His bride, Kathleen Faye

Dean, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Dean, Gate City, Va.

Performing the double ring ceremony in Christ Lutheran church, Blacksburg, Va., was the Rev. E. G. Sparks.

For her wedding, the bride chose

a two-piece frock of Winter white. The dress was embroidered with seed pearls.

Her hat was of matching Winter white, and she wore a white orchid corsage.

Serving as matron of honor was a sister of the bride, Mrs. Wil-

liam Piper, Knoxville, Tenn.

Best man was the bride's brother-in-law, William Piper, Knoxville, Tenn.

Following the wedding, more than 50 guests attended a reception held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murray.

Mr. Murray is head of the electrical engineering department of Virginia Polytechnic institute in Blacksburg.

For their two-week wedding trip, the couple will travel through Pennsylvania and Virginia, and will visit for several days in Ches-

ter Springs with the parents of the groom.

Upon their return, they will be at home at 803 South Main street, Blacksburg, Va.

The bride received her Bachelor of Science degree from Radford college, Radford, Va., where

she was a member of the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority.

Currently, she is employed by the Eastman company of Kingsport, Va.

Mr. Ebert was graduated with a BS degree from the Virginia Polytechnic institute,

where he will receive his Master of Science degree in June.

Since his graduation he has been employed as instructor of engineering at VPI.

In addition to his teaching at the college, Mr. Ebert is a concert pianist in Blacksburg.

Erma H. Seidel Weds Walter J. Latshaw in Palm Nuptial Rites

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Erma H. Seidel, Barto, to Walter J. Latshaw, Spring City.

Attended only by Mr. and Mrs. William Latshaw, Royersford, brother and sister-in-law of the groom, the couple chose a church in Palm for the ceremony.

The Rev. Lester K. Kriebel read the rites in Palm Schwenkfeld church.

After a few days in New York city, the couple plans to live in their new home on Wall street, Spring City.

Some Last Minute Gifts To Be Made at Home

By ELEANOR ROSS

Want to run up a batch of useful little last minute gifts, inexpensive, too?

Then consider the rigid, plastic food container and let your imagination run riot.

Crystal-clear to reveal the contents, plastic containers are adaptable to often over-looked home use, and with a bit of imagination, artistic handling and ingenuity, you can turn them into items that are as pretty as they are practical.

A partitioned snack tray goes nicely into the top drawer as a vanity tray for bobby pins and costume jewelry.

Attach a handsome satin bow to the cover of a plastic cake stand, paint on a pretty design or paste on a few appropriate cut-outs and there you have a new transparent hat box.

FOOD BASKETS DONATED

Christmas will be brighter for 15 needy families in the Pottstown area because of the food baskets packed and donated by the Dorcas Welfare society of Pine Forge. This group will aid any needy family if they contact the leader, Minnie Sutton.

Delicious salad to serve with cold ham: Dissolve a package of lemon gelatin in a cup of boiling water and stir in a cup of cold sweet cider. When the gelatin is partly set add unpeeled red diced apple and diced celery. You can use from one to two cups of the apple and celery.

BINDER'S DRUG-STORE
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Next to the Strand Theatre
Closed All Day
Christmas

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

Grangemen Disgorge Sooty Santa Claus From Chimney. Just in Time for Party

Santa Claus got stuck coming down the Chester Valley Grange hall chimney—but muscular Grangemen managed to pry him loose in time to distribute gifts to the children at the Christmas party Tuesday.

Each youngster received from a slightly sooty and out-of-breath Santa a stuffed stocking and a toy.

After Christmas carols, Barbara Flinn sang a vocal solo and Earl Young played a medley of trumpet arrangements.

Adults present exchanged gifts, and signed cards to be sent to older members and shut-ins.

Aldus Herr, chairman of the recreation committee which sponsored the affair, served as master of ceremonies.

During the business meeting

following the party, Grange Master Raymond Wharton called for reports of 1953 plans from each committee.

Members scheduled a bowling party, and learned the Grange cook books will go on sale again.

The group sent greetings to several members who have been ill.

Mrs. John Howe, Old Malvern; Mrs. Carrie Longa Kerr, West Chester (formerly of Bacton), and Mrs. Chester Meredith.

Alice Fillman Is New Navy Mother Leader

Due to an election error, a second balloting for the post of commander was held.

Mrs. Donald Fillman will fill that office, and Florence Frain will

BIRTHS

Announcement has been made of the birth of a son in Phoenixville hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Jaffe, Phoenixville.

Congratulations are being received by Mr. and Mrs. H. William Roediger, 149 Second avenue, Collegeville, on the birth of a daughter yesterday in Memorial hospital.

Yesterday in Memorial hospital a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Wilby, Schwenksville RD.

A son was born yesterday in Pottstown hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leuchak, 995 Warren street.

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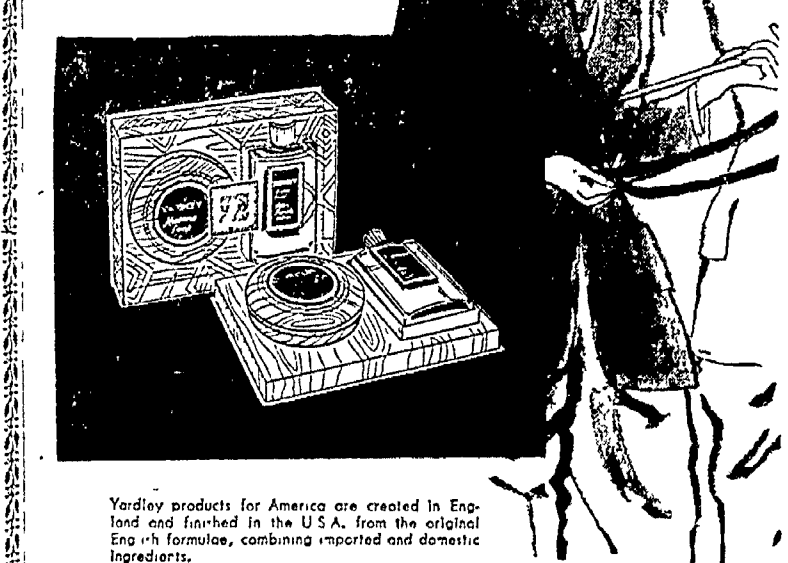
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HOSPITALS

MEMORIAL
Admitted: Mrs. Harriet Roediger, 149 Second avenue, Collegeville, maternity; Mark and David Rosenberg, 1324 Cherry street, surgical; Mrs. Paula Wilby, Schwenksville RD, maternity.

Discharged: Ronald Messer, 121 West Sixth street, surgical; Alan

and Ray Sassaman, Schwenksville RD, surgical.

POTTSTOWN
Admitted: Helen Dahms, 703 Grant street, medical; Ann Hish, Gilbertsville RD 1, surgical.

Discharged: Elizabeth Lewis, 131 Chestnut street, surgical; Mildred Seidel, 116 Root avenue, Hanover Heights, surgical; John Borowoy, 455 Water street, medical; Mary Bertollet, 4 West Fourth street, surgical; David H. Himes, Chester Springs, medical.

Sanatoga Scouts Carol After Christmas Party

Girls of Sanatoga Scout troop 20 went Christmas carolling in the neighborhood after their Yule party Monday in Sanatoga Grange hall.

They had carolled Saturday night in both the Pottstown and Memorial hospitals.

Those who attended the party and exchanged gifts were: Dawn Bearcraft, Brenda Brendlinger, Jean Brendlinger, Barbara Buchert, Mary Ann Buckwalter, Janet Cote, Martha Donahue and Jane Clayton.

Darlene Gregory, Shirley Kirk, Janet Levensgood, Alma Miller, Patsy Morall, Darlene Simmons, Linda Spaid, Kay Speitervolt, Beverly Swavely, Patricia Welsh, Judith Fecak and Carol Ann Long.

Leaders were June Levensgood and Alice Spaid.

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DINNER
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Prop.—A. H. Espenship

Family Flowers Deck Dress, Buttonhole and Board of Walkers

At Annual Christmas Reunion in American Legion, Collegeville

Sporting an orchid corsage and a carnation boutonniere, Mr. and Mrs. William Walker, Spring City, presided over the annual Walker Christmas reunion.

The five Walker children, their families with 12 grandchildren presented the reigning pair with the afternoon's flowers. Personal posies came from the children.

Decorating the turkey dinner board were Christmas greens dotted with red candles and flanked with reindeer, presents of the grandchildren.

Before dinner in the American Legion home, Collegeville, gifts were exchanged with the four oldest grandchildren acting as young Santas.

Again the young fry participated by presenting recitations which they had learned in church. Robert Sabo played on the trumpet. Everyone sang carols.

Children of the Walkers who came with their husbands or wives were: Irvin Walker, Royersford; Doris Miller, Stowe; Miriam Lanute, Haddon Heights, N. J.; Jeanne Kinsey and William Walker Jr., Phoenixville.

Round steak is a more economical buy than other beef steaks. Have it cut thick for Swiss steak. To cook, pound flour into it, brown quickly in a little fat, then add a small amount of water at a time, and cook slowly, covered, over low heat.

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Birthday Party Surprises Stanley E. Sands

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sands, 1049 Schuylkill road, Kenilworth, surprised their son, Stanley Edward, last night with a premature birthday party. Stanley will not observe his 12th birthday anniversary until today.

The guests played games in the Christmas decorated rooms. Can-sey, William Hartmaier, Frank dles and Christmas tree lights Hartung, Robert Swavely, James Huy, Barry Stahl, Betty Stauffer, trimmed with red icing, green leaves and pecans.

Prizes were won by Robert Swavely and Robert Weand for the word game, Barry Stahl for the drawing and Andy clothspin games, and William Hartmaier and Robert Gorman for the indoor treasure hunt.

ANTI-COCKROACH FORMULA

If you don't want household pests in your kitchen, be meticulous about putting away all food, never leaving dishes unwashed, and keeping your garbage can covered. It's inconvenient sometimes to wash the dishes after a meal, at least rinse them so they are free of food.

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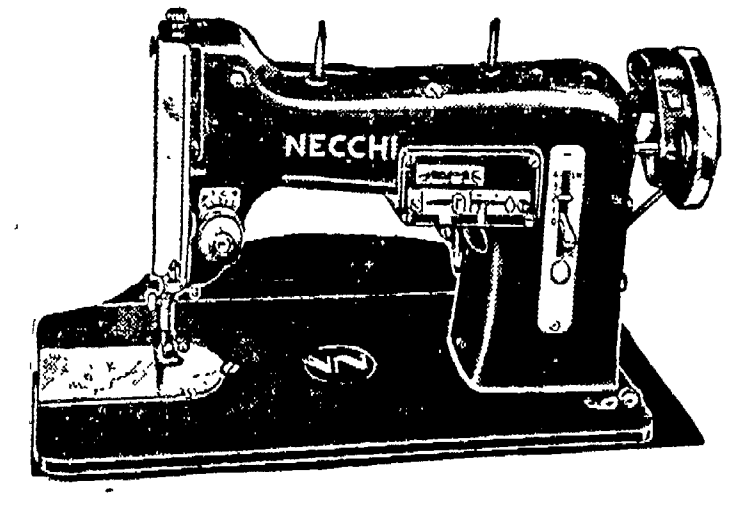


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Sweden's Tomte Unseats Santa Claus to Preside at Troop 13 Girl Scouts' Christmas Party in St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Tomte, not Santa Claus, presided over Troop 13's Christmas party in St. Peter's Lutheran church, Stowe.

The theme of Sweden and Swedish customs prevailed throughout the program planned by Minstrel badge holders.

Two folk dances, "Blekning" and "The Ace of Diamonds" were reeled by costumed minstrel scouts. "Country Dance" and "The Gay Musicians" were sung in both Swedish and English.

Climaxing the evening was Mary Lou Purnell's account of Christmas in Sweden over which Tomte reigns.

Illustrating her descriptions of celebrations and dinners were glassware, embroidery, ceramics, straw candlesticks and carved wooden figures.

The art objects were souvenirs of her recent year's visit in the Scandinavian country. Red and green jello, Christmas tree cakes and replicas of Tomte were given to each girl. Gifts were exchanged.

"World Pins," representing membership in the world organ-

ization of Scouting, were given to members from their leaders.

Eleanor Land, Nancy Supplee and Naomi Hartman.

Dancers and singers were Janice Bechtel, Joanne Geister, Janice Weaver, Evelyn Mor-

ello, Barbara Tatman, Yvonne Lucas, Mary Slaby, Charlotte Widger, Judy Boyer, Janet Le-

berman and Barbara Boone.

Guests were troop committee members, Mrs. John Morrello and Mrs. John Wayda.

Present were: Geraldine Harp, Pamela Hoffman, Annabelle Kell, Susan Kozel, Elaine Kringolo, Barbara, Leberman, Mary Ann Mole-

trass, Judy Reitsnyder, Judy Slaby, Doris Tatman, Mary Ann Wayda, Carole Weaver, Sophie

Widger and Judy Yost.

Century Club Members' Children to Watch 2 Christmas Plays, Dancers at Yule Fete

Two Christmas plays will highlight the Century club's post-Yule festivities for members' youngsters at 2 p. m. Saturday in Library hall.

Mrs. Bryce Manthorne will direct the Manthorne Players' portion of the entertainment, while the Grace Lutheran Girl Scouts will stage their "You Can't Have Everything."

Price dance studio pupils will perform, and guests attending will sing Christmas carols.

Although Christmas will be past, Santa Claus will make a last stand and distribute gifts to the children present.

Mrs. Harry Charles heads the party committee, assisted by Mrs. Karl S. Johnson.

Members of the committee are: Mrs. Chester Bechtel, Mrs. Ralph Buchert, Mrs. Jesse Hafer, Mrs. Leonard Huff and Mrs. Ernest Hunter.

Mrs. Richard Smale Jr., Mrs. Anthony Spatziani, Mrs. Bayard Van Rensselaer, Mrs. Richard Yocom and Mrs. John Ziegler.

Application for a marriage license was made in Montgomery county courthouse, by:

Paul B. Miller, 339 Main street, Royersford, and Patricia A. Sell, 952 Walnut street, Royersford.

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Your Birthday Anniversaries

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE
DO NOT criticize others, even though under stressful aspects they may be difficult; be helpful. Some success is indicated for your next year. Born under these influences, a child may need some help, which may be expected in times of stress.

Today
Doris Burk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Burk, 1154 Center avenue.

Sherman Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Robinson, 128 North Warren street.

Charles W. Silver, 853 North Evans street.

J. William Leveille Jr., Grandview road.

Mrs. Raymond Smale, 877 North Franklin street.

Charles Sellinger, Apt. 9-A road A, Hilldale.

Mrs. Raymond S. Carle, 398 North Charlotte street.

Janet Weand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Weand, 429 Lincoln avenue.

Barbara Goswellin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Goswellin, South Keim street.

Nancy Nyman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Nyman, Douglassville RD 2.

Paul A. Smith, 15 Elm street, Stowe.

Paul Loomis, Pottstown RD 2.

Paul Evans, Pottstown RD 2.

Barry Miller, Main street, Red Hill.

Mrs. Russell Putzman, 726

Lincoln avenue.

Diana Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Lewis, 545 Chestnut street, 6 years.

Mrs. Charles Reigner, Gilbertsville RD 1.

Sally Fisher, 547 High street, 72 years.

Monica Ondik, West High street.

John Stolar Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stolar, 520 Lincoln avenue, six years.

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Single Pink Candle Flickers on Party Cake To Signify Johanna Wilde's 1st Birthday

One pink candle flickered on Johanna Wilde's birthday cake.

With the cake guests ate ice cream to top off a buffet luncheon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wil-

ham Wilde, 622 Spruce street.

Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kline, Mrs. Octavia Landis, Mr. and Mrs. Lamonde DeKalb, Fay DeKalb, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Kline, Dennis and Alan Kline.

Mr. and Mrs. John Copenhafer, Mrs. William Carnahan, Linda Carnahan, Billy and Mary Wilde.

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Versatile gifts are in demand these days.

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Do a nice decorating job on the tray that includes baby's name, of course.

And for children, small toys, such as marbles and jacks, in a set of appropriately decorated plastic containers, are sure to please.

The man of the house will find that he can put everything from cuff links to fishing bait into plastic containers. And plastic containers make excellent tobacco humidors, so fill one up and present it to his nibs.

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HOME FROM COLLEGE.
Richard A. Guldin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester C. Guldin, 131 North Schaeffer street, Boyertown, home from Ursinus college for the Christmas holidays will spend a weekend visiting Betty McElroy at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell McElroy, Woodbridge, N. J. Betty also is a student at Ursinus college.

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St. Aloysius Brownies Carry Home Personal, Parental Presents From Christmas Party

Gifts, parental and personal, highlighted St. Aloysius Brownie troop 21 Christmas party in the school.

Members exchanged presents and packed up the Yule tokens made during the season for their parents.

Advisor of the group, the Rev. Michael Walsh, was guest of honor.

Prizes in games went to Roberta Newcomb, Joan Jareszewicz, Kathleen Hoffman and Patricia Lenderman.

Present were: Barbara Bovy, Kathleen Bunt, JoAnne Carelli, Sandra Hoffman, Donna Hurter, Theresa Hormonski, Mary Ann Koval, Linda Marchek, Susan McDonough and Jan Newcomb.

Rosalind Piazza, Geraldine Prior, Joan Sork, Julia Spoehr, Marlene Pereni, Rosemary Ripnak and Christine Mary.

Leaders were Barbara Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Donald Linderman and Mary Bovy, a helper.

While tapioca cream is still warm, fold coarsely crushed peanut brittle into it. Spoon into sherbet glasses and chill. At serving time, top the tapioca with whipped cream and sprinkle with some of the brittle that's been finely crushed.

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Wets, Drys May Fight Sunday Sales Battle

HARRISBURG, Dec. 23 (AP)—Pennsylvania's "wet" and "dry" forces took positions yesterday in what may turn out to be a legislative battle over permitting Sunday sale of liquor.

The Pennsylvania Retail Liquor Dealers association announced it will seek legalization of Sunday sales in taverns and restaurants on a local option basis.

At the same time, the Lord's Day alliance sent a letter to all members of the 1953 General Assembly, which convenes Jan. 6, calling upon them to vote against any such possible measure.

The alliance also asked the 50 State senators and 208 representatives to take a stand against legalizing pari-mutuel betting in Pennsylvania.

C. W. BAUMAN —

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man, he was assistant manager during his high school days of a cigar store and poolroom that his father had.

Although he did not participate in sports, he headed the Junior Athletic club in Spring City for several years.

In May, 1917, he enlisted in the field artillery, and three months later he was in France.

MR. BAUMAN was a Presbyterian by faith and a member of the Eagles Home association and Aerie 626, Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Masonic lodge of Spring City and George A. Amole Post 47, American Legion.

Surviving are his wife and two sisters, Mrs. Beulah Palsgrove and Mrs. Mabel Overholzer, both of Spring City.

Services will be held from his home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Maris Griffiths, pastor of Evansburg Methodist church, will officiate. Further arrangements, in charge of a funeral home at 466 North Franklin street, were incomplete last night.

MAIL RUSH —

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during the holiday season's of any past years that he can recall.

"We hope it's all over by Christmas day," he said.

Marquet announced that although the post office will be closed Dec. 26, lobby windows will be open from 8 to 9 a. m., and deliveries will be made according to normal schedule.

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CHRISTMAS HELP —

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vegetables, fruits and a turkey were sent to eight employees.

Family Welfare association has been busy distributing food to area families for almost two weeks and will continue helping needy families today.

More than 25 families were given baskets of food by the association and many others received articles of clothing.

Martha B. Shoemaker, executive secretary of the organization and her assistant, Mrs. Robert Shultz, distributed the food and clothing.

The Family Welfare association received the food and clothing, which it distributed from the following organizations: Wyndersville school, four bushel baskets of food, Newcomers club, groceries and money; Women of the Moose, canned goods and chickens; Young People's Fellowship club of Christ Episcopal church, an orange crate and four boxes filled with vegetables, fruit, chicken, jellies and candy and the Pottstown Junior Service league, reconditioned toys.

SCHOOL PARTIES —

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party yesterday afternoon. Their program included musical entertainment provided by members of the school, singing of carols, distribution of candy by the PTA and exchanging of gifts.

The Catholic school children will return to school on Jan. 5, the same day that public schools reopen.

BOSS SURPRISED —

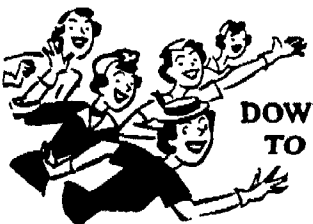
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large white birthday cake presented to him at the banquet table.

Potter later found out that the music played on his behalf was a special record his employees had made for the occasion.

This was the 20th consecutive year that the annual Christmas meal has been served to the mill's personnel. Potter also announced that the mill will close at noon today and will stay closed until Monday morning, giving his employees a four and half day holiday.

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FIRESTONE PARTY —

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ties were addressed by Roger S. Firestone, president of the Firestone Plastics company, who extended words of welcome to the children. Ernest T. Handley, plant manager, spoke to last night's group.

The Rev. Story, who has been in charge of these affairs for the past two years, said yesterday's party was a "wonderful success and was very much enjoyed by all the children."

He related that planning for this annual event starts some time in mid-Summer, with a registration of the children and purchasing of the toys, and continues right through to the time of the event.

ASSISTING THE Rev. Story in the arrangements were H. L. Andrews, safety director; A. J. DiMaggio, chief chemist; William D. Handley, manager of the resin plant; George R. Keagle, manager of production service; Paul T. Nowak, manager of final inspection and shipping.

Also J. P. Nunemaker, manager of massing and milling departments; James Sellers Jr., manager of the tube department; Frances Shaffer, manager of office personnel; Edwin L. Smith, electrical engineer; Thomas F. Storm, purchasing agent.

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Douglas Promises to Aid In Cutting US Spending

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Sen. Paul Douglas (D Ill.) promised today to help the new Republican-controlled Congress to slash multi-billion dollar Government spending.

"I'm still a fighter for economy," Douglas said in an interview. "Having urged it when my own party was in power, I should not want to be accused of partisanship during the next session."

In recent years the lanky gray-haired Senator from Illinois has pecked away at scores of appropriation items, often arousing the ire of fellow Democrats who were supporting spending programs.

BUSINESS BOOMS —

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was, "It's jammed in here. It was jammed all last week, and it's jammed again this week."

One field couldn't match its performance of the past year—shoes.

Harold A. Millard, manager of G. R. Kinney shoe store, 262 High street, said business was substantially below the past year's. He explained that with three snowstorms right before Christmas the past year, "we had God's gift to the shoe business."

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS —

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terior. Clifford Maule, 250 Prospect street, has done his share to brighten his neighborhood. Starting in 1949 by building a collection of trimmings, he has accumulated enough to trim the eaves, door, garage, side porch and five small trees.

A row of seven yellow candles stands in the front window and a full-size Santa Claus is illuminated at the peak of the house.

CLINTON G. BICKEL, 240 Prospect street, prefers red and blue to mixed colors. Trees on each side of his front door twinkle with red and blue lights, and three sets of eight candles trim his second-floor windows.

"I've been trimming it that way for five years now because it's just the way I like it," he said.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm R. DeWitt, 234 Prospect street, probably have the only display of its kind in the borough.

Over the front door they have installed a red plywood shield. On top of the door Mrs. DeWitt glued gray linoleum topped with a ribbon, changing the door to a huge

Christmas package. A white light shines on the unique display.

Around the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen K. Davidheiser, 232 Prospect street, eight small trees are trimmed with vari-colored lights. On each side of the front door at eye level, a cluster of the mixed-colored lights clings to Christmas tree branches.

FREDERIC W. CALEEN, 239 Prospect street, mounted an unusual smiling face of Santa Claus on his white front door and trained a white floodlight on it. In back of the face are branches of a Christmas tree with red and green trimmings.

You can't miss Santa Claus when you pass the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold V. Reider, 100 Moser road, at the East End of town.

Five windows downstairs and three windows upstairs have small lighted Santa Clauses in them. On the porch is a large lighted face of the smiling, bearded man. On the front

door is a full Santa Claus climbing down a chimney.

But the Santa Claus of Santa Claus at the Reider home is a 5-foot cutout of the roly-poly gentleman bending under the load of a bag of toys on the garage roof.

Also on the garage roof there is a tall Christmas tree trimmed with vari-colored lights. "We started decorating the outside of our house five years ago," Mrs. Reider said. "You can see we like Santa Claus figures."



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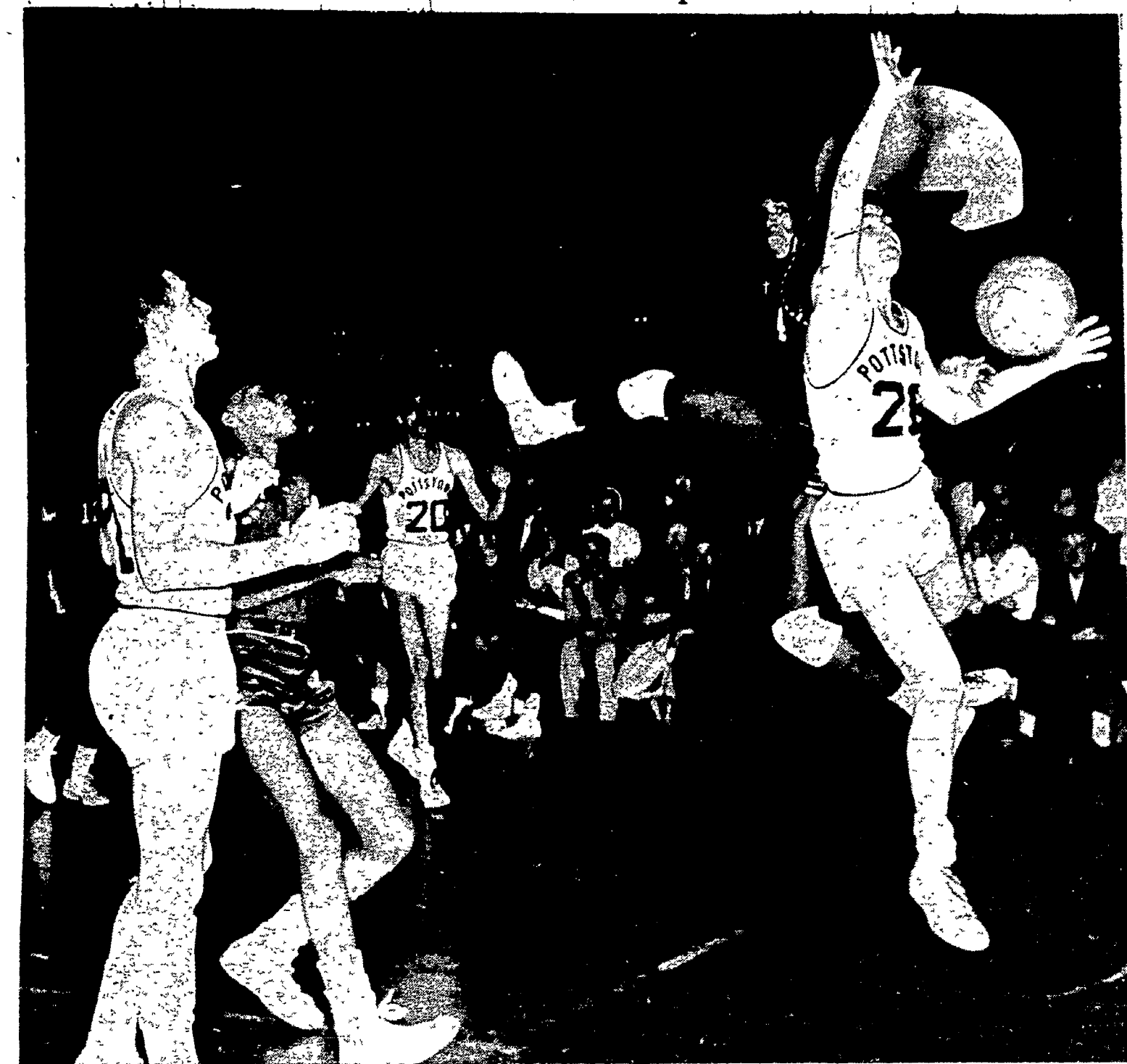
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Trojans Win No. 7 Over Norristown, 57-52

All This for a Jump Ball



Falcons Top Pirates, Hold Tie for Lead

West Pottsgrove continued to share its lofty perch at the top of the Perk league standings last night by defeating Spring City, 44-34.

Along with Boyertown, West Pottsgrove has a 2-0 record and only Collegeville with 1-0 remains unbeaten in the eight-team loop. Foul-line supremacy and a hot third quarter were the important factors in the Falcons' win in their visit to Spring City. Holding only a 22-18 lead at the intermission, the Falcons widened the spread to 38-22 during the next eight minutes.

Paul Stetzel was fouled repeatedly throughout the game, and came through with seven conversions to help build his 13-point total. Dick Gaiser had the most fielders, four, and scored three goals for 11 points.

KENT ADDIS bucketed five of the Pirates' 11 field goals and finished with ten points. The Jayvee game was a real thriller in West Pottsgrove winning in an overtime, 29-27, on Al Borri's shooting. He was high man with one field goal and seven fouls. Bob Hunter tied the score 23-23 seconds before the regulation time ended with one of his two field goals, to send the game into the extra period.

West Pottsgrove Spring City
G. F. P. G. F. P.
Gauler 0 1 1 Edwards 0 2 2
Daut 1 0 2 Krepas 2 0 4
Netman 2 3 7 Stout 2 0 0
Strzelicki 3 7 13 Addis 5 0 10
Gruner 0 0 0 Wadsworth 0 0 0
Levensood 0 0 0 Wadsworth 0 0 0
Gaiser 4 3 11 Exches 0 0 0
Bechtel 0 1 1 Fox 1 2 4
Lloyd Carp'r 0 4 4 Loe 0 0 0
LeRoy Carp'r 2 1 5 Babinridge 0 0 2
Totals 12 24 44 Totals 11 12 34

Score by periods:
West Pottsgrove 9 11 16 6-44
Spring City 8 10 12 12-34

West Pottsgrove JV Spring City JV
G. F. P. G. F. P.
Reaenzer 0 3 3 Hunter 2 0 4
Daut 1 0 2 W. Miller 2 0 4
Horn 0 0 0 D. Pinkbush 1 3 5
Lucas 1 4 6 K. Pinkbush 0 0 0
Bruna 0 0 0 Miller 2 0 4
P. Fontana 1 3 3 Don Himes 3 3 9
DeMeter 0 0 0 Stua 1 0 2
Al Dori 1 7 9 Jeffries 1 1 3
Slaby 0 0 0 Bliss 1 1 3
T. Fontana 2 2 6
Totals 6 17 29 Totals 4 7 17

Score by periods:
West Pottsgrove JV 4 7 6 6-29
Spring City JV 10 2 3 8 4-27

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This play caused plenty of moaning and groaning among Pottstown High fans last night as the Trojans whooped the Norristown Eagles, 57-52. Doug Moser, No. 28, goes in for a layup as Jack Parker, of Norristown, gets a hand on his arm, and a leg between Moser's legs. Moser missed the shot, was upset and shaken, and the result was a jump ball. Mike Kriczky surveys the scene as does Jack Pollock, No. 20. Oscar Johnson is the Eagle next to Kriczky.

Coffee Cup, Tony's Cop Victories In Opening Rounds of Y Tourney

Co-favorite Coffee Cup and dark horse Tony's of Phoenixville doused lowly opponents last night in the YMCA's second annual Open Christmas tourney.

The Coffee Cup, literally burning down the baskets in the second half with Al Pete and Bill Missimer acting as head arsonists, scorched Hedrick's of Royersford, 39-34.

In the evening's other tiff, Tony's fast broke Jacobs into the woodwork, 75-53. The Restaurants now meet the Warriors in a quarter-final tiff Friday evening at 8:30 after the Scorpions-Dormers tilt.

The Coffee Cup rode into the semifinals on the strength of a 51 point production after the 24-11 break. After it led only 25-11, at the half. But under the net-twisting stimulus of Pete and Al, the Coffee Cup, who ended with 18 and 19 points each, Dick Dininni's hustlers rapidly took charge.

DICK POWELL came along with an additional 10 for the Cuppers. Herb Carl with 14 and Frank Kolp, 10, led the disected Hedricks.

Tony's took an 11-10 first period lead in the aftermath and gradually improved upon it in the succeeding frames. Tom Larkin counted seven in the second, Andy Yednock came in the third and Tom Callahan eight in the final to pace the Trojans over the eight minute divisions.

Rod Cannel and Stan Swenk combined for 13 points for the Jakes in the final period in an attempt to haul their club back from a 45-37 three quarter deficit, but Tony's rang up 28 markers of its own in the period to stave off the assault.

Swenk was high for the evening with 20 and Cannel came in with 18. For Tony's, Larkin's 17 and Joe Zabicki's evenly distributed 13 were tops.

There will be no games in the meet now until Friday evening. And director Len Bernhardt announced last night that the URW-Three Crowns quarterfinal spat will go as a 7:15 prelim to Saturday evening's YMCA Sr. varsity tilt.

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Upper Perk Routs Bluebirds, 87-29

Displaying the power that ranks them as a top contender for Perk league honors, Upper Perk's Yellowjackets routed Schwenksville, last night, 87-29.

Coach Warren Goldin's starting five scored almost enough points in the first quarter to sew up their first league win of the year and send their season mark to 3-2.

The Bluebirds were no match for the hustling Jackets and at halftime trailed by 30 points, 41-11.

Dale Miller and Terry Fetterman paced the 36-field goal attack, each collecting 12 points as they saw only limited duty. Nine other Upper Perk players scored with John Olson tallying 11.

Paul Little collected three of the Birds' five field goals and garnered ten points to pace his club.

IT WAS Upper Perk's initial league victory after losing to Boyertown last Friday. Schwenksville dropped its second straight in the loop, the first coming at the hands of Collegeville.

Jack Smoyer led a long list of Upper Perk Jayvees in their 55-19 win over the Bluebirds JV's. Smoyer tabbed 11 points as JV's others scored at least one point.

Schwenksville Upper Perk
G. F. P. G. F. P.
Little 3 4 10 Tomlinson 4 0 8
Wentzel 1 1 3 Hummel 2 2 8
Kendrick 1 1 3 Smith 2 2 8
McGraw 2 3 7 Kirby 1 1 3
Weaver 3 0 6 Cannell 0 0 0
Larkin 5 7 17 Seasholtz 1 1 3
Zabicki 6 1 13 Swenk 6 1 13
Freder 4 1 9 Garber 0 0 0
Kreder 0 0 0 R. Cannell 0 0 0
Totals 29 15 73 Totals 18 17 53

Score by periods:
Upper Perk 9 22 16 6-53
Schwenksville 25 16 20 16-57

Schwenksville JV Upper Perk JV
G. F. P. G. F. P.
Flaher 2 6 12 Pluck 4 1 9
Kille 0 1 1 Richards 1 2 4
Newrock 1 0 2 Smoyer 3 5 11
Berry 2 2 6 Moyer 3 0 6
Brown 2 0 4 Rauch 1 1 3
Robbins 0 0 0 Long 0 0 0
Louchter 0 0 0 Kutz 2 1 5
Reifelder 0 0 0 Falt 0 0 0
Barber 0 0 0 Rothenber 0 1 1
Rousch 0 0 0 Brunner 1 1 3
Totals 7 5 19 Totals 23 9 55

Score by periods:
Schwenksville 5 4 10 0-19
Upper Perk JV 23 6 15 9-55

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RICKETTS OUTSCORES MAY, 24-18, KRICKZY TABS 20

Pottstown High gave its town one of the best Christmas presents possible last night by out-fighting Norristown, 57-52.

The Allentown-eating visitors, were not the Eagle-eyed sharpies of five previous victories, due largely to the befuddling defense they ran into.

For the Trojans it was win No. 7 and by far their top performance of the season. Coach Ed Good used seven players to accomplish the unexpected before a capacity house at the Junior High gym.

A near-blackout late in the third period added a bit of humor to the tense situation and the delay that followed seemed to loosen the Trojans for the final stretch.

In the headlined individual duel exclusively Ricketts. He scored all between Pottstown's Dave Ricketts but ten of his points in that open and Jackie May of the Eagles, the ing eight minutes and PHS held Trojans captain won 24 to 18.

Ricketts tapped in the first two points of the game and scored the 53d point on a foul shot to tally what eventually proved the winning point. In between he dunked baskets from every which way and fought his taller opponents on even terms under the boards.

The first period was almost ex-

Pottstown Jayvees Beat Eagles, 39-34, As Bodolus Stars

Al Bodolus continued his phenomenal last night scoring last night as he led his Pottstown Jayvee five to a 39-34 win over the strong Norristown Juniors.

The string-bean Sophomore went into high gear to score eight last period points, the final two a pair of fouls that gave Pottstown its 35th and 36th point.

Carl Sundstrom iced the victory by adding three more fouls as Coach Bill McCabe's crew controlled the ball during the last two minutes.

The locals led the visitors most of the way by virtue of a 12-5 first quarter advantage. But by the end of the third period, Norristown went into front 26-24.

BODOLUS, who finished with 20 points, twice drove for baskets that knotted the count in the early part of the fourth quarter. With less than three minutes remaining he dribbled the length of the court and stretched out for another twinner to even the score at 34 all.

The taller Eagle JV's were fresh from a 10-point win over the Allentown second squad, but they could not move with McCabe's scrapers.

Josh Sova and Merrill Schreyer consistently out-rebounded their lanky opponents to give Pottstown possession of the ball a major portion of the time.

It was the Trojans fourth win against three defeats.

Norristown JV Pottstown JV
G. F. P. G. F. P.
Hauer 5 2 12 Sundstrom 3 3 9
Reist 4 3 11 Shire 1 1 3
Blockson 1 4 6 Bodolus 6 4 12
Smith 1 2 4 Smaile 0 2 2
Abney 0 0 0 Sova 2 1 5
Catsburg 0 1 1 Rhoads 0 0 0
Totals 11 12 34 Totals 14 11 39

Score by periods:
Norristown 11 12 34
Pottstown 14 11 39

Norristown Wins In Big Nine

A well-divided Norristown attack that put five men in double figures knocked over Boyertown, 64-38, last night in the county seat in a Big Nine cage loop test.

Bob Eddinger put through a dozen points for the losers in the first half as they kept within 45-34 range of the Blocks five.

The third period to cinch the nod, before the Alumni rallied sharply to shrink their lead by four markers in the final stanza.

Eddinger ended with 21 points for Boyertown, but the quint of Chet Green (20), Bill Schwenner (14), Joe Gillingier (12), Hal Swayze (11) and Bob Labaty (11) proved too much.

Boyertown JV Norristown JV
G. F. P. G. F. P.
Eddinger 7 7 21 Swayze 6 1 11
R. Eddinger 3 3 9 Gillingier 6 0 12
J. Hartline 3 1 7 Schwenner 6 2 14
J. Hartline 0 0 0 Green 6 0 20
Mackey 1 4 6 Gratz 1 1 3
Evans 0 0 0 Labaty 4 3 11
Landis 0 0 0 Schatz 0 3 6
Houck 5 4 10 Mober 3 1 7
Hallman 5 0 10 Gernard 0 0 0
Totals 24 28 68 Totals 38 54 82

Score by periods:
Boyertown 15 19 12 46-88
Norristown 22 23 19 64-38

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Boyertown Remains in Unbeaten Ranks With 67-44 Win Over Royersford

By GARY TROLLINGER

It'd take a few million bales of airlift propaganda plus day and night communiques from Radio Free Upper Perk to convince the citizenry of Boyertown that it doesn't have THE basketball team in the Perkiomen-Schuylkill Valley circuit this morning.

Last night, minus one starter from the beginning and minus another shortly after that, the Bears of Herb Hartman spanked the defending Class C champ—Royersford—in a most disrespectful manner, 67-44, in the Eagles' nest.

Harry Tim never donned a uniform, sitting out the entire contest with a cold, and Duke Snyder, starting in his place, left in the first period with a pulled muscle in his thigh.

The decision gave B-town wins over the two top contenders it must beat out for the circuit crown and a sixth successive success without defeat over the season.

The Bears are now tied with West Pottsgrove with 2-0 league marks. The Falcons have met much less ballyhooed quints, however, in North Coventry and Spring City.

Last night's decision was not so surprising from the angle of the ultimate victor, but rather from the viewpoint of the ultimate score. In a nutshell, the reason was simply that while the Bears wafted 24 out of 66 field goal attempts through the mesh, Royersford hit on but 13 out of 60 for a 21.7%.

THE FORDERS didn't get a field goal until the second period was nearly halfway completed and by the time Al Boyfett connected on that driving air, Boyertown had a 20-10 lead and was well on its way toward.

The winners had built up a 12-6 edge over the initial eight minutes while Royersford fiddled with a zone that limited the opposition to three field goals but gave the defenders unlimited opportunities to foul. Willie hacked out four by the time 7:10 of the game had passed, and the Bears converted six out of 15 fouls over the span.

In the second period, Connie Elford shifted his men into the standard man for man setup, but the Bears retaliated by banging away for double their first period output, making 24 points to the 'Fords' 11.

Dave Shanley snarped out of his game, one quarter-long slump in that second stanza, rifling in seven of nine tries—one a 40 foot running one handed that just beat the buzzer at the half. Randy Stauffer hit on three fielders in that period also to pace the Bears as they hiked their advantage up to 36-17 at the half.

Early in the third period, Troutwine—who had fouled Shanley four times in the second period trying to stop the uncanny Bear floor leader—and Wolfe excited on five fouls each within 15 seconds of each other. And even before Nick Dinnoenti left with two minutes left in the third Boyertown continued to roll along with Stauffer pocketing three more fielders and a foul in pacing the sport that carried the Bears to a 30-point, 53-23 three-quarter mark bulge.

ROYERSFORD outscored the sub-soaked Boyertown club in the final period, 21-14, to bring the count closer to respectability. Bill Rogers dunked half of eight tries in the last canto to go with his three earlier foul conversions for 11 points and the Eagles' high scorer.

Alexander, who hit on only two of 15 shots, converted six free

Score by periods:
Boyertown 12 24 17 53
Royersford 6 11 10 27

Score by periods:
Boyertown JV 6 5 11 22
Royersford JV 8 5 11 23

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Philadelphia Writers Vote Shantz Top Athlete

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23 (AP)—Bobby Shantz, star southpaw pitcher of the Philadelphia Athletics, today was named the year's outstanding athlete by the Philadelphia Sports Writers association.

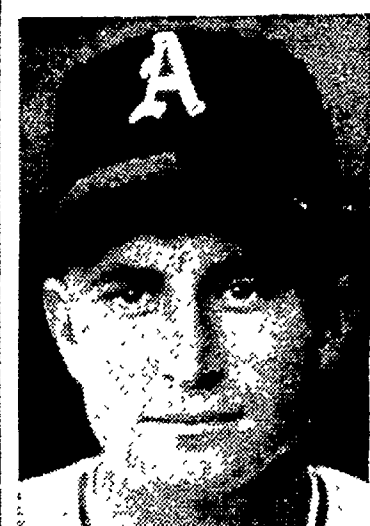
Shantz, the tiniest pitcher in major league baseball at five feet, six and a quarter inches and weighing 139 pounds, 12 ounces, received 151 points on a five, three, one basis for first, second and third place votes. Robin Roberts, the 28 game winner for the Philadelphia Phillies finished second with 132 points. Bob Mathias, Stanford decathlete ace, Horace Ashenfelter, Olympic distance runner from Penn State, and heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano, followed in the balloting.

Shantz won 24 and lost seven for the Athletics last year to lead the American League pitchers in winning percentage.

Other athletes who polled votes were:

Dick Groat, basketball and baseball star of Duke university and the Pittsburgh Pirates; Paul Arizin, leading scorer of the National Basketball association with the Philadelphia Warriors; Eddie Bell, Penn football end; Joe Black,

Another 1st



BOBBY SHANTZ

Brooklyn Dodger pitcher; Julius Boros, National Open golf champion; Lou Groza, Cleveland Browns placekicker; Mickey Mantle of the New York Yankees.

MAL WHITFIELD, track star;

Tony DeSpirito, jockey; Vic Seixas, tennis star; Bob Richards, pole vaulter; Alie Reynolds, Yankee pitcher; Billy Vessels, Oklahoma football ace; Johnny Lattner, Notre Dame grid star; Ray Robinson, retired middleweight champion; Louise Suggs, Women's golf performer; George Mikan, pro basketball; Chuck Davey, boxer, and Ferris Fain, Philadelphia Athletics first baseman.

RICKETTS NABS 11; DUKES LOSE FINAL

Dick Ricketts was held to 11 points on four field goals and three fouls last night as unbeaten Wayne university stopped Duquesne's five game all winning streak in the finals of the Motor City basketball classic in Detroit, 71-59.

Dick contracted four personal and sat out a good part of the scrap while John Kline of the Wayne earned the tourney's most valuable player award with a 20 point performance.

USC's Jim Psaltis Ruled Ineligible For Rose Bowl Game

PASADENA, Dec. 23 (AP)—Southern California's Rose Bowl hopes received a severe jolt today when one of its star defensive linemen, Jim Psaltis, was declared ineligible for the big game against Wisconsin New Year's day.

Prof. Hugh C. Willett, faculty athletic representative at USC—and also president of the NCAA—announced that a poll of the Pacific Coast conference schools had, in effect, ruled Psaltis ineligible.

The decision was based on the fact that the Oakland, Calif., youth competed in two games as a Freshman on the junior varsity of Little Santa Rosa Junior college in 1949.

This fact, Willett's statement said, did not come to the attention of USC authorities until after the final 1952 game with Notre Dame. It was not verified until Dec. 15, and then the school petitioned the conference to act on Psaltis' eligibility.

The vote was adverse.

WILLET said Santa Rosa J. C. did not list Psaltis' 1949 record because officials there thought the two games on the junior varsity, or "rambler" squad, would not be counted under California State Junior College association rules.

Psaltis, 6-foot-1, 186 pounds, is 25 years old. He was one of the most effective defensive linemen in the Trojan secondary.

He stepped in at safety when All-America Jim Sears was not at the position.

USC has lost another prime defensive halfback, Dick Nunis, because of injuries.

Psaltis' loss will mean that Harry Welch probably will see fulltime duty in the defensive setup.

Meanwhile, the injury bugaboo cropped up on both squads.

Deepest concern centered in the Wisconsin camp when left halfback Harland Carl sustained a twisted right knee in practice.

BASKETBALL SCORES

SCHOLASTIC
POTTSTOWN: 57, Northampton 52; Boyertown 67, Berwyn 44; Upper Merion 67, Schwenksville 29; West Pottsgrove 44, Spring City 34; Swarthmore 71, Media 57; Coatesville 66, Ridley Twp. 48; Allentown 58, Reading 34; Hazleton 65, Williamsport 55; Lebanon 59, Berwyn Twp. 33; Allentown 60, York 52; Shillington 33, Scotland 51; William Penn 48, Millersburg 47 (over-time); John Harris 62, Harrisburg Cath. 55; Steelton 54, Waynesboro 37; Elizabethtown 45, Dallsstown 38; Pine Grove 60, Kutztown 38; Fleetwood 60, Muhlenberg 39; Lititz 57, Mount Joy 54; Manheim Twp. 45, Allamant 39; Pottsville 60, Lancaster 35; Old Forge 60, Plymouth 41; Newport 72, Edinburgville 52; Altoona Cath. 57, Tyrone 38; Turtle Creek 46, Wilmerding 40; Monessen 48, Aliquippa 29; Scottsdale 38, Huntington 36; Beaver Falls 56, Hartsville 41; Butler 57, New Brighton 43; Latrobe 69, Derry Bore 86; Conemaugh 58, Huntingdon 51; Sharon 79, Warren (O.) 33; Farrell 62, Akron Elliot 52; Erie Tech 50, Erie Strong Vincent 33; Erie Academy 59, Millersburg 47; Carleick 57, Berwyn 55; Irwin 55, Youngwood 33; Monaca 72, Wampum 63; Scott 78, Sunbury 66; Ford City 48, Duquesne 32; McKees Rocks 52, Avalon 46; Johnstown 62, Portage 35; COLLEGE
Wayne 71, Duquesne 59 (Motor City tourney final); Seattle 102, NYU 101; St. Mary's (Cal.) 81, Detroit 78; Marshall 102, Memphis State 76; W. Virginia 88, South Carolina 73; Minnesota 77, Illinois 73; St. John's (Bkn) 67, No. Carolina State 56; Drake 77, Missouri 57; Columbia 61, Georgia 51; PROFESSIONAL
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Orange First Bowl

The appearance of the Syracuse football team in the Orange Bowl will mark the first post-season bowl contest for any Syracuse grid squad.

Cleveland Browns' 9 Old Men Prepare for Title Game

CLEVELAND, Dec. 23 (AP)—They joke about themselves as "the Cleveland Browns. But any one of them still is good enough to be a key man at Municipal Stadium Sunday against the Detroit Lions for the pro football championship of the world.

All nine were out on muddy league park today for a light workout—first one since the Browns earned the right to oppose the Browns' seventh straight try for a pro league title.

Here are the names—same ones you'd find on the 1946 roster of Browns when the now defunct All-America conference set up shop:

Quarterback Otto Graham, fullback Marion Motley, offensive ends Dante Lavelli and Mac Speedie, defensive end George Young, tackle Lou Groza, guards Lin Houston and Bill Willis, and center Frank Gatski.

Speedie was in uniform today, but because of a twisted knee didn't do anything. Groza, also injured

"Brown is harping about injuries, he's harping about having an old team and he's harping about being idle for two weeks and getting rusty," Parker said.

"We've got a few injuries too. And any coach in pro football could use a few of those 'old' players he's talking about. They don't come much better or more experienced."

Yesterday Parker had sounded an optimistic note and said his Lions were good enough to win the National Football league title in the nationally-televized game at Cleveland's Municipal Stadium.

"NO, NOT THAT," said Parker. "We've got a good team and I still think we've got a good chance to win. But as for being the favorites, it doesn't go that far. As far as I'm concerned the game is an even choice."

"And you won't see me trying to establish the Lions as underdogs," he said, taking a final dig at Brown.

Earlier Parker had recounted the Browns' four straight titles in the former All-America conference, as well as their three straight titles since then in the American conference of the National Football league.

The Browns won the NFL title in 1950, lost in the championship game last year to the Los Angeles Rams 24-17. Parker conceded that his Lions have never lost to the Browns since he became coach. But he pointed out the closeness of the scores in a 1951 exhibition game (21-20), an exhibition game this season (28-21), and this season's league game (17-6).

"TAKE THOSE scores and figure that the Browns will be playing on their home field in front of a partisan crowd."

Like the Browns, the Lions have some injury problem. Parker said today that regular offensive guard Dick Stanfel, one of the team's best blockers, was not showing notable recovery from a hip injury.

"We don't know if he will be ready," said Parker. "However we got some good news about John Prechlik. The X-rays show he can play." Prechlik, regular defensive tackle, bruised his ribs Sunday.

Two Lions will miss the game. They are halfback Jug Girard, who was in the No. 1 backfield for all except three of the regular season games and Sherwin Gandee, the team's top replacement at defensive end. Both have injured legs.

Wolfpack Halted

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—St. John's unranked basketball team upset North Carolina State, ranked sixth in the Associated Press poll, by 67-56, in the second half of a Madison Square Garden double-header tonight. Seattle nipped New York university, 102-101, in the first game, the highest scoring contest in the 19 years of Garden basketball.

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nine old men," these seven-season

Dub Jones, another twisted knee casualty from the Giant game.

Of the nine oldesters, Speedie and Motley are the deans at 32. Young and Groza, at 28, are the youngsters, and Lavelli is the only other one of the veterans still to hit 30, which he will do in February.

Graham, Groza, Speedie and Willis all played well enough this campaign to win places in next month's pro-bowl game, and of the other five seven-year veterans, only fullback Marion Motley could be considered slipping.

Motley was slipping last year, too—hampered by knee troubles—but he's demonstrated flashes of his oldtime greatness. He will see less action Sunday than the other eight veterans, since Harry (Chick) Jagade has sparked in line crashes and trap plays that were Marion's specialty.

GRAHAM, with 121 completions, has passed for 2816 yards gained this season—a yardage exceeded only once in National Football league records. Sammy Baugh set the top mark in 1947.

Speedie's 62 pass receptions also topped the league this year.

Paul Brown isn't the sort of man to keep his 33-man roster loaded with aging football players out of sentiment. The wizard of Massillon has been known to say "good-bye" to some of his outstanding players for breaking a training rule.

"It isn't how old they are," says Brown. "It's their physiological age that counts. All of them take care of themselves and have gone as far as they have because of it."

"They are in better condition to play this game than a lot of younger men I know."

Kiner Says He'll Protest Pirates' 26 Night Exhibition Games to Frick

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23 (AP)—Ralph Kiner, player representative of the National League, said today a protest may be handed to Commissioner Ford Frick because of the Pittsburgh Pirates' Spring exhibition schedule which calls for 26 night games.

Kiner, a Pirate outfielder and major league home run king, told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette in a telephone conversation from his home at Palm Springs, Calif.:

"Our agreement is that the clubs will not play night games unless it proves better financially for the owners."

The Pirates' exhibition schedule calls for 34 games—26 of them at night. Major league players have been protesting the number of exhibition night games for several years.

Bears in Govt.

Paul Goebel, who played with the Chicago Bears many years ago, is Mayor of Grand Rapids, Mich. The sheriff of the Grand Rapids area is also a former Bear, Hugh Blacklock.

Minnie Canceled Out

Minnie Mino of the White Sox won the base stealing championship in the American League with 22—but was also caught stealing the most times, 16.

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North End Gains Junior Tourney Semi-Finals

North End advanced into the semifinals of the first annual YMCA Junior Christmas tourney yesterday with a 71-28 win over the Black Beavers. The Hillbillies topped the JMC Jr., 58-47, in the day's other test in the double elimination meet for under 18 year olds.

George Henderson's 23 for North End led the afternoon's scorers. Len Levin stacked up 21 for the JMC's in a losing cause, while Bob Neff hit for 20 for the winning Hillbillies.

This morning, the JMC's meet the Black Beavers at 11:30 in a losers' bracket test, while the Hillbillies and favorite Crimden vie in a winners' quarterfinal at 12:30 p. m.

North End		Black Beavers	
G. F. P.	G. F. P.	G. F. P.	G. F. P.
Whitehurst, f 6	4 16	Stranick, f 4	1 9
Gilliland, f 4	3 11	Baldassano, f 2	1 5
Kuykes, c 5	11 10	Boyer, c 6	7 16
Fisher, z 5	0 10	Griesemer, z 1	1 3
Levin, f 9	2 21	Rizz, c 7	2 16
Henders, z 11	1 23	Seasholtz, z 4	2 10
Totals	31 9 71	Totals	11 6 28
Score by periods:			
North End	17 15 19	20-71	
Black Beavers	3 8 13	4-28	

A Job, a Relative Even in Russia

MOSCOW, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Soviet trade union newspaper Trud complained today:

In the Kerzhensk timber enterprise, Sector Chief Fomichev gave jobs to his four sons and daughters as sorters; his father-in-law is the chief accountant.

The cashier is the fiancée of the bookkeeper.

The chief bookkeeper gave a job to his nephew.

Department head Cherepanov made his wife an accountant in the Rigger Gear department.

Evdokiya Nagornov, wife of director Yakov Nagornov of the Kerzhensk timber office, is on the payroll of the construction department, but she doesn't work.

Collegeville-Trappe Joint School Board Plans Record Budget

Collegeville-Trappe Joint School board last night named a 4-member budget committee to consider the 1952-53 financial outlay for the district.

Selected to the committee, which will go over the budget with Supervising Principal Howard B. Keyser, were Henry W. Mathieu, William H. Clement, Russell Sturgis and Joel B. Francis.

The budget will be submitted by April for the board's consideration. Members discussed the present budget and the anticipated new budget in excess of \$100,000 which will set a district record.

Keyser and Louis A. Krug, high school principal, submitted monthly reports.

THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE reported the roof on the Collegeville elementary school building requires repairs. The board authorized the committee to secure bids for the job.

The joint board financial statement showed receipts of \$11,129; expenditures, \$10,984, and balance on hand, \$146.

The Collegeville board, at a meeting after the joint session, approved a financial statement which included receipts of \$10,620; expenditures payable to the joint board, \$868, and a balance of \$9752.

A sinking fund of \$3595 will be used to pay bonded indebtedness for the coming year. The board reviewed the financial statement for the year which showed a small deficit.

The deficit will be bridged by temporary loans.

Joel B. Francis, president of both boards, presided at both sessions.

PLEAD INNOCENT

MAMARONECK, N. Y., Dec. 23 (AP)—Four men who allegedly were planning a "Christmas Revolt" against the Cuban government pleaded innocent today to charges of violating the State anti-gun law and of storing inflammables without a permit.

Ordinary table sugar dissolves in about one-third its own bulk of cold water and in even less water if the water is hot.

India, Pakistan Talks Urged by Council To Put on Escape Act

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 23 (AP)—The UN Security council urged India and Pakistan tonight to begin immediate talks here on the size of their occupation forces in Kashmir in order to bring about a plebiscite for that old princely State.

The Security council approved by a vote of nine in favor, none against, with Russia abstaining, a British-American resolution on the five-year-old problem. Pakistan, a member of the Security council, did not vote because, a spokesman explained, it was an interested party.

India's K. V. Krishna Menon declared just before the vote that India would "profoundly reject" the part of the resolution which sets out that 3000 to 6000 armed forces remain on the Pakistan side of a cease-fire line in Kashmir and 12,000 to 18,000 remain on the Indian side during the plebiscite.

"If you can make arrangements I can assure you that I can disappear in such a manner as to leave the whole Commonwealth mystified for some years to come."

Mack declined the offer and the show will go on without Tex, the Eel.

Abandoned Baby Boy Making Friends Fast

CHICAGO, Dec. 23 (AP)—A week ago, Christie, a newborn boy, didn't have a friend. Today he has friends all over the country.

They're sending him gifts and writing letters. Many want to give him a home.

The little boy was found a week ago today, wrapped in rags and new papers and stuffed in a garbage can in a South Side alley.

He was hurried to Englewood hospital, scrubbed, warmed and fed.

"Now he's the king bee of the Pediatrics department," Wendell Carlson, hospital administrator, reported today. "The nurses have named him 'Christie' because of Christmas."

Carlson said packages containing booties, tiny kimonos and other baby clothing have been arriving for him from faraway places. Persons in several States have written, asking to adopt him.

RICHMOND, Dec. 23 (AP)—H. W. Mack, recreation director for the Virginia State penitentiary, issued a call for volunteers for the prison's annual talent show. "Tex, the Eel" was one of the first to respond.

Wrote "Tex, the Eel"—otherwise unidentified:

"In regards to the talent show, I would be very pleased to demonstrate a 'disappearing act' I have been studying for the past year."

"In order for me to guarantee a complete success of this act it will be necessary for me to leave the yard, without guard, about two days before the show opens."

Mack declined the offer and the show will go on without Tex, the Eel.

Ohio State Agronomist Discusses Soil Problem

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 23 (AP)—Although farmers can not expect to increase the percentage of organic matter in a soil, they can offset the destructive bacterial action of nature to some extent by regularly plowing under corn stalks, straw and green manure, says an extension agronomist at Ohio State University.

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7:00	News: Jack Pyle	News: Weather Here's Harvey	LeRoy Miller	Mac McGuire
7:30	News: Jack Pyle	News: That Man Sears	LeRoy Miller	Mac McGuire
8:00	News: Jack Pyle	News: That Man Sears	LeRoy Miller	Mac McGuire
8:30	News: Jack Pyle	News: That Man Sears	LeRoy Miller	Mac McGuire
9:00	Ruth Welles	Victor Lindlar	Morning Extra	Liberty Bell
9:30	Victor Lindlar	Here's Harvey	Breakfast Club	Kitchen Kapers
10:00	Welshes Voice	Cinderella	Weekend	Holiday Music
10:30	Welshes Voice	Cinderella	Weekend	Holiday Music
11:00	Welshes Voice	Cinderella	Weekend	Holiday Music
11:30	Welshes Voice	Cinderella	Weekend	Holiday Music
12:00	Welshes Voice	Cinderella	Weekend	Holiday Music

AFTERNOON

12:00	News: Bob Benson	W. Warren, News	Star Time	Curt Massey
12:30	Ann Lee	Big Sister	Sleepy Hollow	News: Mac McGuire
1:00	Ruth Welles	Ma Perkins	Gang	Mac McGuire
1:30	Hal Moore Show	Guiding Light	Dr. Malone	Mac McGuire
2:00	Jack Pyle	Jack Mrs. Burton	News: Mac McGuire	Mac McGuire
2:30	Life Beautiful	Nora Drake	News: Mac McGuire	Mac McGuire
3:00	Back Stage With	Brighter Day	News: Mac McGuire	Mac McGuire
3:30	Pepper Young	Hilltop House	News: Mac McGuire	Mac McGuire
4:00	Widder Brown	Shopping Fun	News: Mac McGuire	Mac McGuire
4:30	Woman in House	Hold the Phone	News: Mac McGuire	Mac McGuire
5:00	Just Plain Bill	John Trent	News: Mac McGuire	Mac McGuire
5:30	Front Page Par	Arthur Godfrey	News: Mac McGuire	Mac McGuire
6:00	Lorenzo Jones	World Parade	News: Mac McGuire	Mac McGuire
6:30	Doctor's Wife	Curt Massey	News: Mac McGuire	Mac McGuire

EVENING

6:00	News: Weather	News: Weather	Lee Stewart	News: Frankly Special
6:30	Answer Man	News: Weather	Lee Stewart	News: Frankly Special
7:00	Inside Angle	News: Weather	Lee Stewart	News: Frankly Special
7:30	Symphonette	News: Weather	Lee Stewart	News: Frankly Special
8:00	News: One Man's Family	News: Weather	Lee Stewart	News: Frankly Special
8:30	The Great Gildersleeve	News: Weather	Lee Stewart	News: Frankly Special
9:00	Groucho Marx	News: Weather	Lee Stewart	News: Frankly Special
9:30	Big Story	News: Weather	Lee Stewart	News: Frankly Special
10:00	Jason and the Golden Fleec	News: Weather	Lee Stewart	News: Frankly Special
10:30	Tex Beneke	News: Weather	Lee Stewart	News: Frankly Special
11:00	News: Jean Shepherd	News: Weather	Lee Stewart	News: Frankly Special
11:30	News: Jean Shepherd	News: Weather	Lee Stewart	News: Frankly Special
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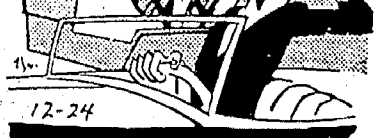
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By BENNETT CERF

THE ARKANSAS BAPTIST passes on the story of a man who halted his car at a crossroads and yelled to a farmer driving a load of hay, "Hi, there, Cordsilk, is this the way to Calgary?" The farmer looked up in feigned astonishment, and exclaimed, "By heck, stranger, how did you know my name was Cordsilk?" "I guessed it," said the motorist. "Then, if you're so gold-durned smart," concluded the farmer, as he drove on, "Guess your way to Calgary."



Merry Christmas

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ACROSS

- Moved rapidly
- Living
- Block for shaping metal
- Crippled
- Setting
- Hole in a needle
- Cubic meters
- Conceal
- Music note
- In what manner
- Gang
- Mountain nymph
- Scorch slightly
- Possessing heat
- Hebrew letter
- Cry of pa
- Sets a value on
- Attack violently
- Metallic rock
- Years for
- More secure
- Saline solution
- Dwell
- Mimics
- Gazelles (Tibet)
- DOWN
- Skin
- Citrus fruits
- Evening (poet.)

4. Marry

5. Celerity

6. Motive

7. Always

8. Take dinner

9. Malt beverage

10. Man's nickname

11. Stitch

12. A light, sparkling wine

13. Spoke

14. Humble

15. Constellation

16. Half an em

24. Past

25. Cry of a cat

26. Erbium (sym.)

27. American Indian

28. Sesame as bread

29. Capital (Bulgaria)

30. Ecclesiastical vestment

31. A rail

32. Smalcut

33. Shades of a bright color

34. Before

35. A rail

36. Drop in the middle

37. Firmish seaport

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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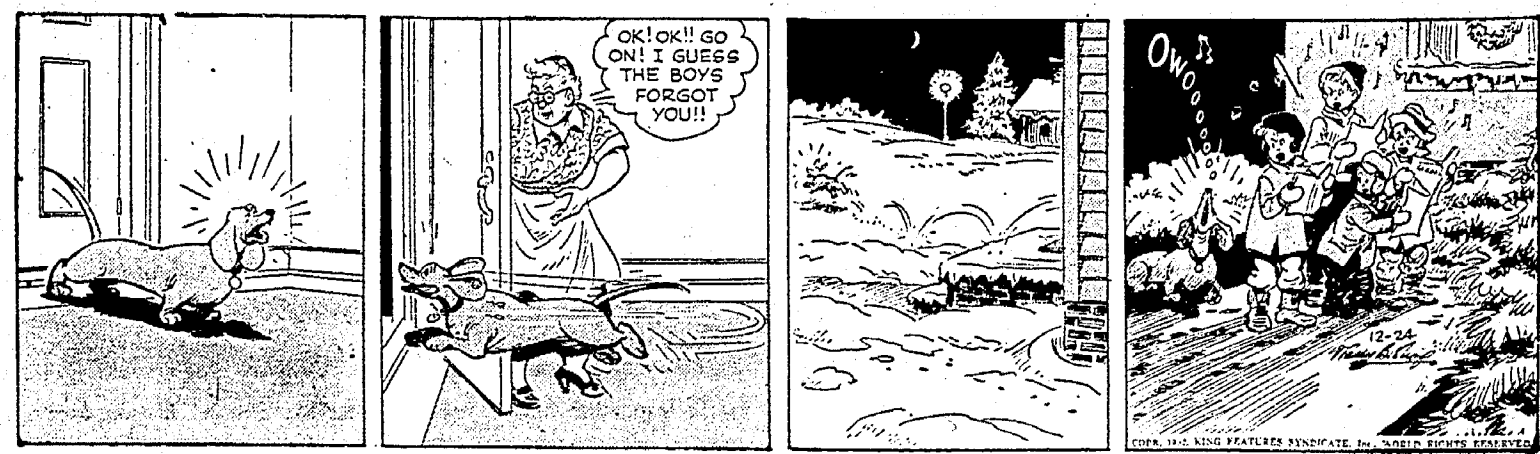
Yesterday's Cryptogram: PRIDE, THE NEVER-FAILING VICE OF FOOLS.—POPE.

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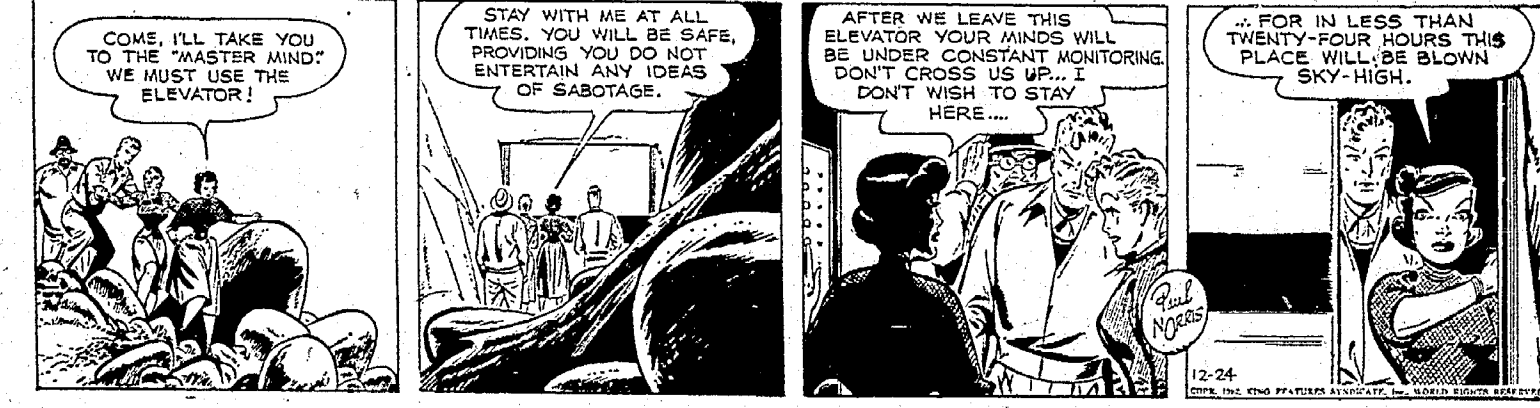
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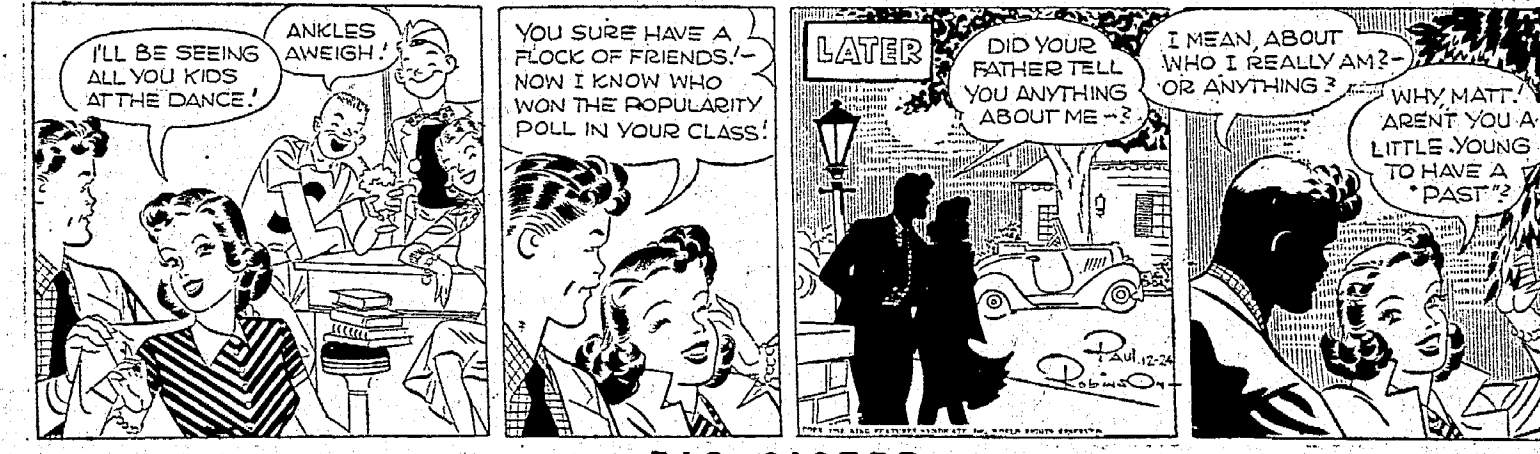
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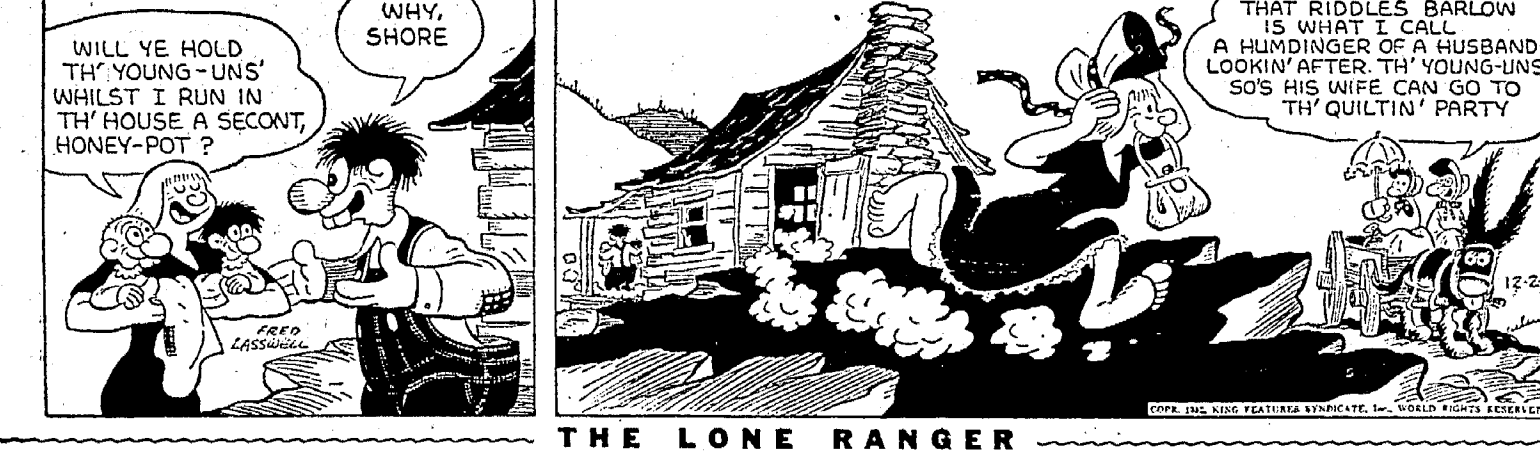
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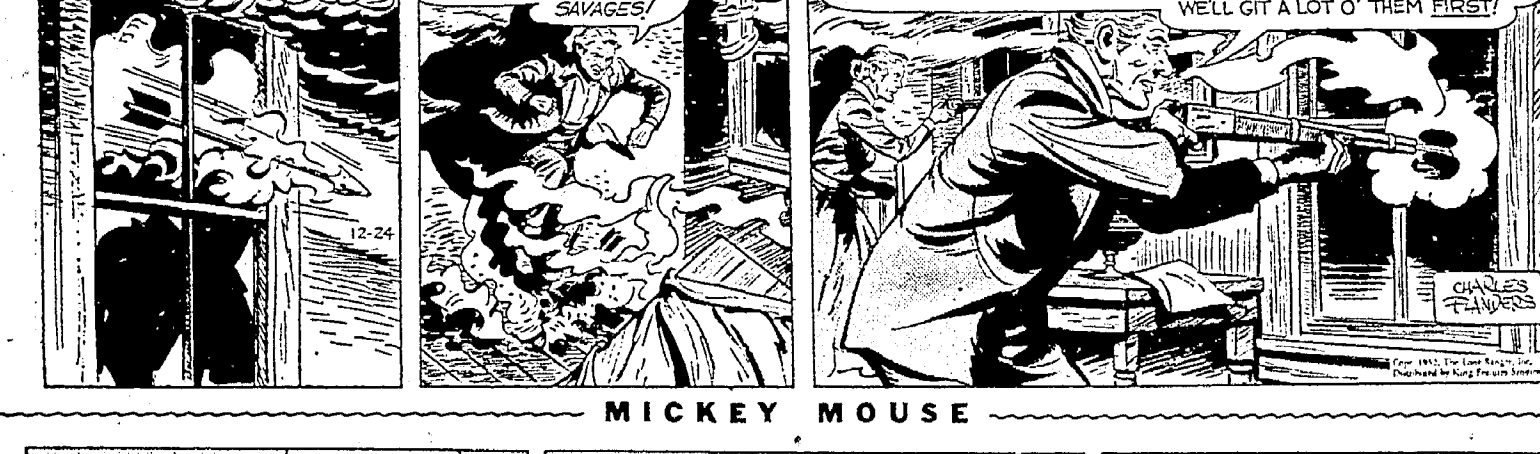
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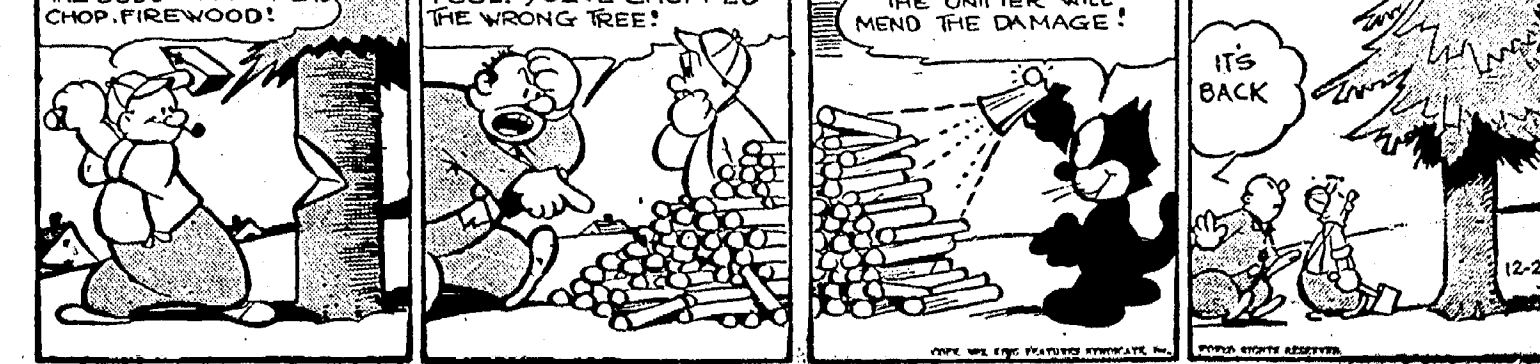
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MYTHICAL WAR IS REHEARSED

American Airmen Train on British Base

By Central Press

LAKENHEATH, Eng., Dec. 23 — There's a cold damp wind sweeping in off the English channel. The spring-green countryside, flat as though pressed down under the 800-foot ceiling of gray clouds, is wet.

Here in the middle of austere England, planted like a cold fact, is Lakenheath Royal Air Force base, its serious business announced abruptly at the highway entrance by a dummy bomb converted into an identification sign.

However, inside Lakenheath's boundaries are not Britons—but Yanks. They're hard at work under a double yardarm which unfurls at one end the Stars and Stripes and at the other the Union Jack.

This, like several similar bases recommissioned from their grim role in the Battle of Britain—and like several new ones being built—is the place to see the western nations' defense in action.

WHAT YOU'LL see at Lakenheath is strictly a training operation. However, it's as much like the real thing as training can be. Here, in short, is the business-like rehearsal for a war all Americans hope will never come.

There is no plush here, and no welcome mat for visitors. Officers and airmen of Strategic Air Command take their job seriously. The wheels of activity do not slow down for callers, and they shouldn't.

You ask for the man you've been sent to see—Col. John D. Ryan, commanding officer of the 97th Bomb Wing. "Sorry, he's in the air."

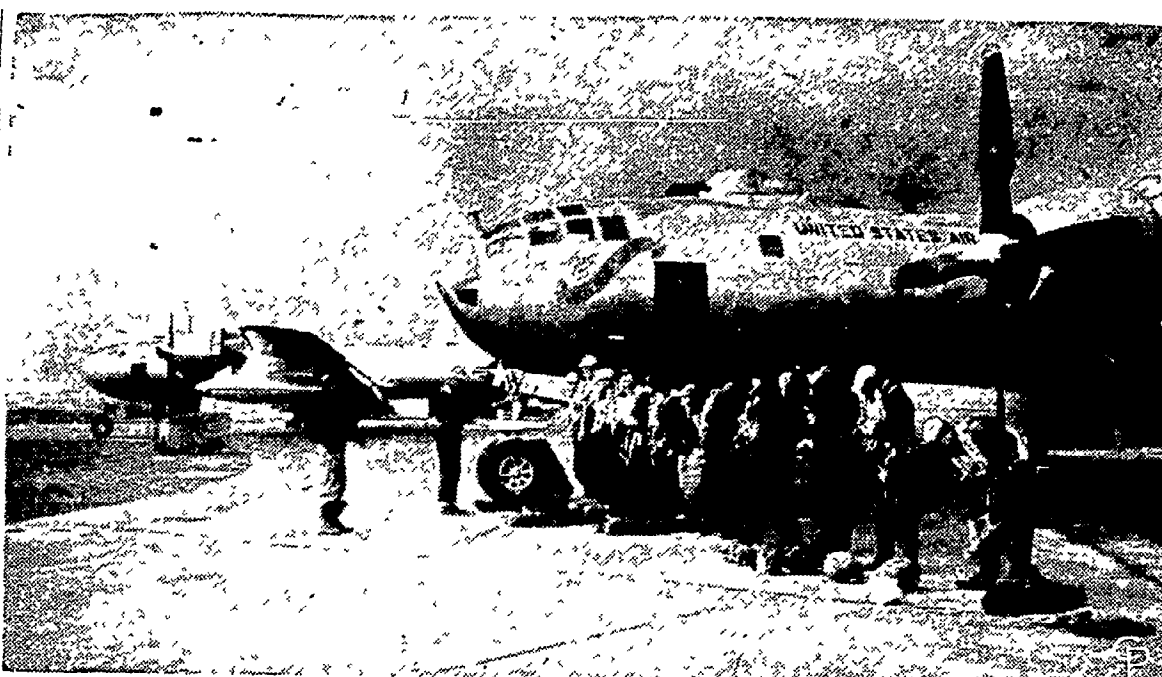
How about Col. Clifford Macomber, the deputy C.O.? "Sorry, he's in the control tower. There's a mission on."

You wait. In a few minutes a staff car pulls up in front. An officer steps out. "Colonel Macomber," someone says.

THE COLONEL is cordial, but he has no time to put his feet on his desk. He's stopping by for a quick look-in at the office before an equally quick lunch. A small gun in a shoulder holster is just noticeable under his field jacket.

The colonel was not kidding about the speed of lunch. One squadron already is in the air, a second is taking off and Macomber is due back at the tower for take-off of the third at 12:34. Before 12:30 he's heading back; you're with him in the staff car.

The men of the 97th Bomb Wing are here, he explains, as part of an ingenious rotational training scheme of Strategic Air Command. At 90-day intervals, new bomber groups



Crewmen of 97th Bomber Wing await inspection before takeoff. Missions aim at distant targets.

move from the United States classroom to the British laboratory of experience under foreign field conditions. Other times, they rotate to the Caribbean, to Labrador and to Alaska.

The ability to move swiftly, efficiently and in toto is an important part of SAC's bag of tricks. YOU ARRIVE finally at the tower. Four flights of stairs and a steep hatchway take you up to its commanding all-glass vista. Rankless in shirt sleeves, the tower operator sits at a long control table with mikes in hand and several others to his right and his left.

Col. Harold E. Humfeld, director of operations, stalks and sits, alternately, hovering in the background. He chews a cigar and stands contemplating his birds spread out on the rampway below, their props spinning.

Today's mission is typical. It involves 31 B-50s, split into three squadrons. Each has an assigned "target" to hit, at an appointed time and in a specific manner.

On the button, at 12:34, the first plane of this particular squadron is rolling. The big Boeing is a midjet on the long runway from where you stand. Gathering speed, it's quickly airborne.

What you watch is a procedure as precise as the rhythm of the old Notre Dame shift. Each minute, on the nose, another Superfort glides down the runway and out into the gray horizon.

Now, as the B-50's take off, they vanish quickly into the

low-scudding overcast. Wind slaps in gusts against the tower windows. You don't envy the men in those bombers as they hunt through the murk for distant and secret targets.

For today's missions, Squadron 1, made up of 12 B-50s, began its takeoffs at 11 o'clock, spacing them at one-minute intervals. Squadron 2, a nine-plane outfit, began taking off at 11:58. On this one, takeoffs were 10 minutes apart.

THE RESULT of this was overlapping of takeoffs with Squadron 3. Planes of the latter were already on their collective way before the last bombers of Squadron 2 were in the air. Though Superforts of this second unit were on individual assignments, each was related to accomplishment of the over-all mission.

With the planes all up at last, and swallowed by clouds and distance, the "sweating out" begins. You sit with the ground officers and wait.

The shortest of today's flights will be eight hours, the longest 11½. It seems like a long time to you. For the men of the SAC, though, it isn't so long. Sometimes the missions from Lakenheath have stretched out to 16½ hours.

One hundred percent of the scheduled planes in the air was today's performance.

However, not without some troubles, you observe. Yet the circumventing of troubles is, in itself, a measure of effectiveness. One plane in the first squadron was a few minutes late taking off, and another from the last group

was detained by cruise-value difficulty until 1:35, when it took off to catch its mission mates.

ONE AIRPLANE turned back after 40 minutes with a burned-out generator; a standby plane was made ready and the returned crew sent back aloft in it. Without the standby, the bomber which aborted could probably have been put back in the air by the final deadline of 3 o'clock; ground crews had swarmed upon it, and gas trucks had backed into refueling position immediately.

IT WILL be well after dark when the rest of the bombers return. Crews will welcome that cup of coffee, the first order of business when they arrive.

After that, at the dogwatch end of the day, debriefings or interrogations will begin. Intelligence officers will talk with each crew individually as it returns. Tomorrow there'll be the critique. But for now, the waiting continues.

Somewhere out there, the untold rest of this story is taking place — well beyond the horizon and properly behind a curtain of security.

It's off at high altitudes, where tactics are tried and proved, where bombs are dropped at remote points, where RAF fighter pilots, co-operating in the exercise, protect and intercept, and where radar sights are made and "the kill" is recorded with camera guns.

In this way, little publicized and little known to the general public, America's Strategic Air Command is perfecting air power for the protection of the American people.

church on Sunday morning at 6 and 10 a. m.

The Summeytown Parish Luther League met at St. Luke's (Kessler's) with George Metka, president, in charge of the program. They will have a Christmas party in the Pavilion at Summeytown on Monday evening.

Leroy Grubb A D 3, stationed at Pautuxent, Md., spent a weekend with his parents.

Wallace Foster, stationed in Norfolk, Va., is home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. David Nester and daughter, Grace, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sweisford, Pennsylvanian, to Merchantville, N. J., where they visited Mr. Nester's and Mrs. Sweisford's sister, Mrs. Bertha Davidheiser.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Willard Weldner became the parents of a daughter in Grand View hospital.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deaths

BAUMAN — On Tuesday, Dec. 23, 1952, Charles W. husband of Rebecca (Gray) Bauman, age 61 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the services from his residence, 1065 South St., on Saturday at 2 p. m. Friends may call Friday evening 7 to 9 (Wolfeville).

SMITH — On Monday, Dec. 22, 1952, Eugene St. J. husband of Florence (Brendlinger) Smith, age 52 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the services from the home of Mrs. Smith, 112 N. Washington St., on Saturday, Dec. 27 at 2 p. m. Interment in Oley cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home, Friday evening 7 to 9 (Houck).

SCHAEFFER — On Saturday, Dec. 20, 1952, Eli L. husband of Jennie (Yergy) Schaeffer, age 78 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the services from the home of Mrs. Schaeffer, 112 N. Washington St., on Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 2 p. m. Interment in Highland Memorial Park. Friends may call at the funeral home, Tuesday evening 7 to 9 (Houck).

BAUM — On Monday, Dec. 22, 1952, Alice (Weidner), wife of the late John East, age 64 years. Relatives and friends are invited to the services from the home of Mrs. Baum, 112 N. Washington St., on Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 2 p. m. Interment in Highland Memorial Park. Friends may call at the funeral home, Tuesday evening 7 to 9 (Houck).

Card of Thanks

KLING

The family of the late Howard J. Kling desires to thank the kind neighbors and friends for the assistance and sympathy, and the floral tributes and cards offered during their recent bereavement.

BROWN

The family of the late Morris R. Brown desires to thank the kind neighbors and friends for the assistance and sympathy, and the floral tributes and cards offered during their recent bereavement.

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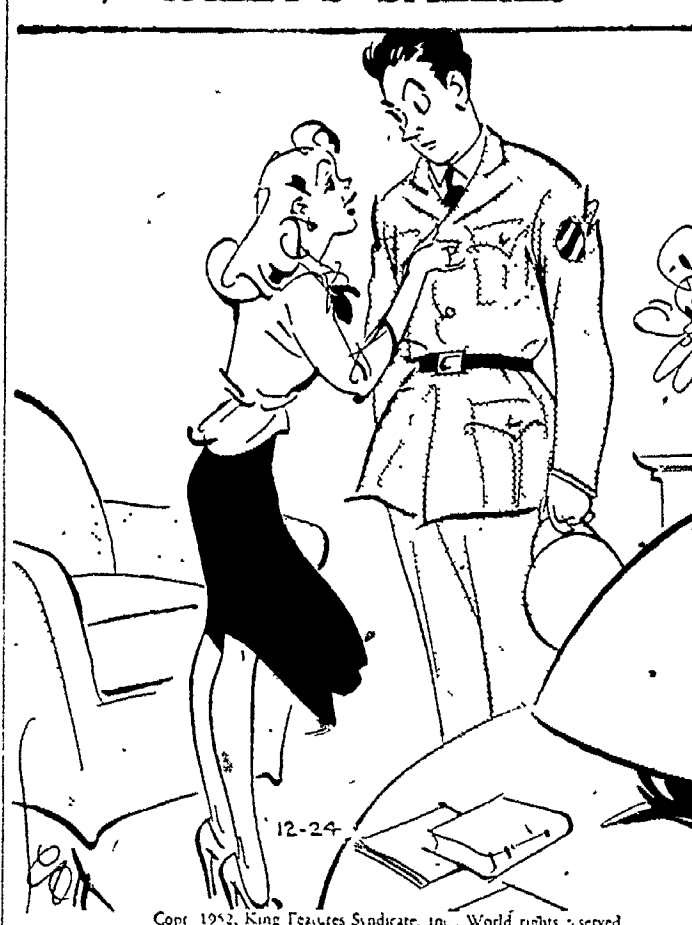
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FOOD IS FIRST ON SCOUTS' LIST IN BUSY WEEK

Local Troops Engage In Hikes, Parties, And Games

Food was the object of much attention among Pottstown's Boy Scouts at this week's meetings.

In several troops food was cooked over open fires to meet requirements for advancement; in others it was served as refreshment following the annual Christmas parties the Scouts held.

Seven Scouts from Emmanuel Lutheran troop 8 prepared their noon meals yesterday in the open air during a hike the troop took through Manatawny park. This was in preparation for attaining the rank of First Class scout at the troop court of honor to be held in January.

Monday, the troop's explorer unit will hike out to Cold Spring park for a three-day camp in the woods.

SCOUTMASTER WILLIAM SANDS taught the troop 8 Scouts how to carve rustic wooden name plates during a demonstration of whittling at this week's meeting. Scouts Thomas Landry, Albert Zink, William Schwartz, Glenn Short and Gerald Gehret of American Legion troop 1 formed another group of amateur chefs during a 4-day jaunt to the Fagleyville troop headquarters. They were led by Scoutmaster Walter Hutt on their outdoor adventure.

Scouts of other troops received their nourishment ready-made, either from members of the mothers' troop auxiliaries or as guests of their scoutmasters.

Among the troops holding Christmas parties this week were Grace Lutheran troop 15, First Presbyterian troop 3, First Methodist troop 4, St. James Lutheran troop 18, and St. Aloysius troop 12.

The Scouts brought gifts to the parties which were exchanged according to number drawn from a hat. Entertainment consisted of favorite Scout games and singing of Christmas songs until the main event of the evening — refreshments.

THERE WERE ENOUGH cookies and ice cream on hand at the parties to satisfy the most demanding appetites, Scoutmasters reported after the festivities.

Troop 15 held its party after a board of review session that passed on the advancement of seven Scouts.

Heading the troop's advancement committee, which held the review, was Chairman Clarence Ziegler. Curtis Borneman and Woodruff Frick served with him on the board.

Scouts who qualified for advancement were David Krause, Thomas Shaner, Kenneth Christman, Kenneth Shellenberger and Robert Henricks, all for First Class.

Others were Robert Beekley, Second Class; and John Reidenouer, Tenderfoot.

SCOUTMASTER LEONARD YERGER treated the troop to refreshments at a nearby soda fountain after the meeting and exchange of gifts.

Mrs. William Glenney and Mrs. William Ebert served the refreshments at the First Presbyterian troop party. Scoutmaster William Glenney presented each member of the troop with a 1953 scout calendar during the meeting.

Scout Roland Morris was at the piano during the songfest held at the party.

Zion's Reformed Troop 5, which had celebrated at a party last week, got together at their meeting this week to plan a parents night to be held next month. They are rehearsing a skit they will include in the program.

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Hope for the future lies in Pottstown's schools. The Mercury is publishing pictures of Pottstown's finest, the children in our schools. Every day a new room of school children will be shown here. Save the series, and enjoy them anew in future years.



These Eighth graders at the Juniors High school certainly prove "you can't always please everybody" as shown by the various facial reactions to posing for their class picture. Seen with teacher, Mrs. Ira Missimer, left to right in the front row are David Williams, Joseph Reider, Kenneth Sassaman, George Emery, William Walker, Peggy Dalling, Judy Dillman, Barbara Eck, Suzanne Pickar and Claudette Jacobs. Row two, left to right shows Richard Fox, Harry Quay, Kathryn Simms,

Joan Skarbeck, Barbara Galloway, Daryl Detweiler, Nancy Reitmeyer and Charles Gillis. In the same order, row three includes Arnold Hatfield, Elizabeth Gondal, Janice Bernhardt, Roseann Fillman, Madalene Lenhardt, Barbara Heck, Betty Taglier, John Kerr, Patricia Novak and Warren Rawlings. Left to right in the fourth row are Frank Jackson, Jack Seasholtz, John Neiman, Willard Schultz, Stanley Sroka, John Artim, Jesse Lawhorne, Leonard Ross, Francis Hylan and Charles White.

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM RUSSELL MAURER, 60, of OMAHA, NEB., and formerly of Pottstown, died suddenly at his home early yesterday afternoon.

Born in Kenilworth, a son of the late Harry and Ida (Scholl) Maurer, he lived in Pottstown for a period of 10 years prior to moving to Omaha 30 years ago.

Mr. Maurer was the secretary and buyer for the Omaha Crockery company. While living in the borough he was an active member of the now defunct Seneca club.

He is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mildred, wife

of G. Ammon Davidheiser, 1059 Queen street, Gladys, wife of Timothy A. McEvoy, 204 North York street; Mrs. Elizabeth Holden, of Lancaster, Earl Maurer, 260 Chestnut street, and Oliver S. Maurer, Kansas City, Kan.

Arrangements for services will be announced later.

Services for **MORRIS R. BROWN**, husband of Katie B. Brown, 864 QUEEN STREET, were held yesterday at 2 p. m. from a funeral home at 404 High street.

Officiating was the Rev. A. S. Hanson, pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran church, Stowe.

Interment was made in Highland Memorial park. Bearers were Harry B. Bush, Herbert T. Brown, William H. Miller and Ralph K. Bush.

Services for **HOWARD J. KLINE**, husband of Eva R. (Nieman) Kline, 2 WEST RACE STREET, STOWE, were held yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock from a funeral home at 359 King street.

The Rev. Arthur S. Hanson, pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran church, Stowe, officiated.

Interment was made in Forest Hills Memorial park, Reiffton.

Bearers were Richard Rauenzahn, Daniel Rauenzahn, Charles Flickinger, Stanley Steller, Elmer Gephart and Clarence Angasont.

Radiator Poison Potion Drunk by Jailed Slayer

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23 (AP) — Charles Milligan, 36, serving life for a stickup slaying, died today in Western State penitentiary hospital after drinking anti-freeze solution used in auto radiators.

Four or five other inmates who drank the solution became ill. The fifth, Michael Bechak, 26, of Ambbridge, died earlier. Warden J. W. Claudy said the convicts refused to tell where they obtained the anti-freeze.

Coroner's Jury Finds 3 Guilty in 2 Crashes

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23 (AP) — An Allegheny county coroner's jury cleared two McKeesport men and a woman taxicab driver of blame today in two fatal auto crashes.

Steve Vargo, 58, and Allan Moldovan, 19, both of McKeesport, were freed of blame in the death of Carl D. Byers, 19, of Elizabeth.

Byers, a passenger on Moldovan's motorcycle, died three days after the vehicle collided with a car operated by Vargo on Sept. 22.

No negligence was found in the death of 61-year-old Paul Sedlock Sr. of nearby Boston. Sedlock was struck while crossing an intersection in Boston Dec. 3 by a cab driven by Doris Huntermark, 36,

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